

# BRIDGING ENGINEERING STUDY RESULTS

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**Technical information.** Vulcan has carried out a definitive feasibility study and bridging study for Phase One of its Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project ('Project'), the results of which were announced to the ASX in the announcement "Zero Carbon Lithium Project Phase 1 DFS Results" dated 13 February 2023 ('DFS'), ('DFS Announcement') and the Bridging Study Announcement on 16 November 2023 ("Bridging Study"). This presentation may include certain information relating to the DFS and the Bridging Study. The DFS and Bridging Study are based on the material assumptions and parameters outlined in their respective announcements. While Vulcan considers all of the material assumptions to be based on reasonable grounds, there is no certainty that they will prove to be correct or that the range of outcomes indicated by the Bridging Study will be achieved. This presentation may also include certain information relating to Phase 2 of its Project, Vulcan has not yet carried out a definitive feasibility study for Phase Two of its Project.

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# OUR TARGETS

We are aiming to become the world's first integrated lithium chemicals and renewable energy producer with net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Vulcan's unique **Zero Carbon Lithium™** Project aims to produce both renewable geothermal energy, and lithium hydroxide for Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries, from the same deep brine source in the Upper Rhine Valley, Germany.

**Renewable heat** production for more than **1 million** people by 2030<sup>1</sup>



Enough **lithium hydroxide** production for **1 million** EVs per annum<sup>2</sup>



**1 million** tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided per annum<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Based on average per capita heat consumption in Germany of 6,200 kWh (<https://www.destatis.de/>), and the estimated capacity for heat production from Vulcan's long term development areas, in a pure heat (no power) scenario. <sup>2</sup>Based on Phase One production target capacity of 24ktpa from Bridging Engineering Study announcement of 16 November 2023, Phase Two production target capacity of approx. similar figure from PFS (refer to Technical Information statement in Disclaimer), and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe. <sup>3</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoidance target based on Minviro LCA data on Vulcan project and lithium industry peer averages in the same LCA.





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# Purpose

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We will empower a  
net zero-carbon  
future

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# Mission

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Becoming Europe's leading Zero  
Carbon Lithium™ business &  
enabling energy security  
through geothermal energy



# PHASE ONE BRIDGING STUDY RESULTS

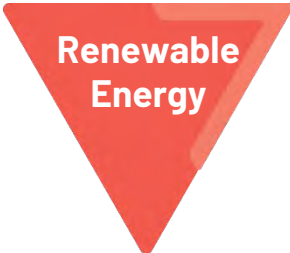


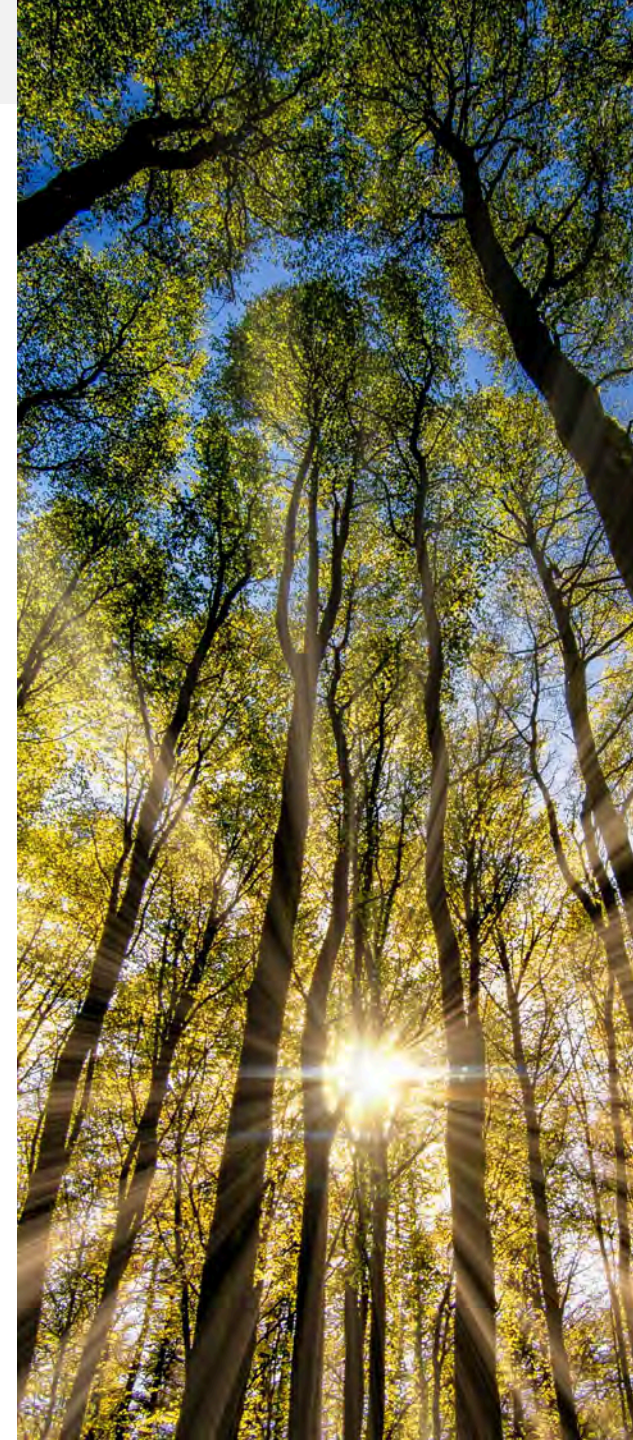
## Lithium Hydroxide

### MEETING EU'S BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CRITICAL RAW MATERIAL NEEDS:

- Targeting approximately **24,000 tonnes lithium hydroxide** (LHM) production capacity per annum planned from Phase One, enough for ca. 500,000 **Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs)**.<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- **Fully aligned** with EU and German policy towards **greater vertical integration of battery supply chain**, and **onshoring of Critical Raw Materials**, including the Green Deal Industrial Plan and Critical Raw Materials Act.

### PROVIDING AFFORDABLE, BASELOAD RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND EMPLOYMENT, FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES:

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- Target co-production of up to 560 GWh/a of **baseload renewable heat for local community district heating** and internal consumption.<sup>1,3</sup>
  - Targeted co-production of up to 275 GWh/a of baseload renewable power, to be sold to grid at **Feed-in Tariff rates**.<sup>1,3</sup>
  - **Thousands of direct and indirect jobs** estimated to be created, linked to the energy transition, decarbonisation and electrification of transport.<sup>1,3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Refer to Project Assumptions on Appendix 3. <sup>2</sup> Phase Two production target of approx. similar figure from PFS (refer to technical information statement), and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe. <sup>3</sup> These are targets and may not be achieved. Please refer to the forward-looking statement disclaimer in Appendix 1.



# PHASE ONE BRIDGING STUDY RESULTS

## 5 KEY OUTCOMES

1.

### REDUCED RISK

Streamlining into **one core production area** that is **already commercially producing** brine, with increased lithium reserves.

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### REDUCED CAPEX

**~€100m reduction** down to est. €1,399m, combining assets, whilst moving to higher project definition.

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### LOW COST

**Further decline in OPEX** to est. €4,022/t LHM, one of the lowest on the industry cost curve, while maintaining green credentials.

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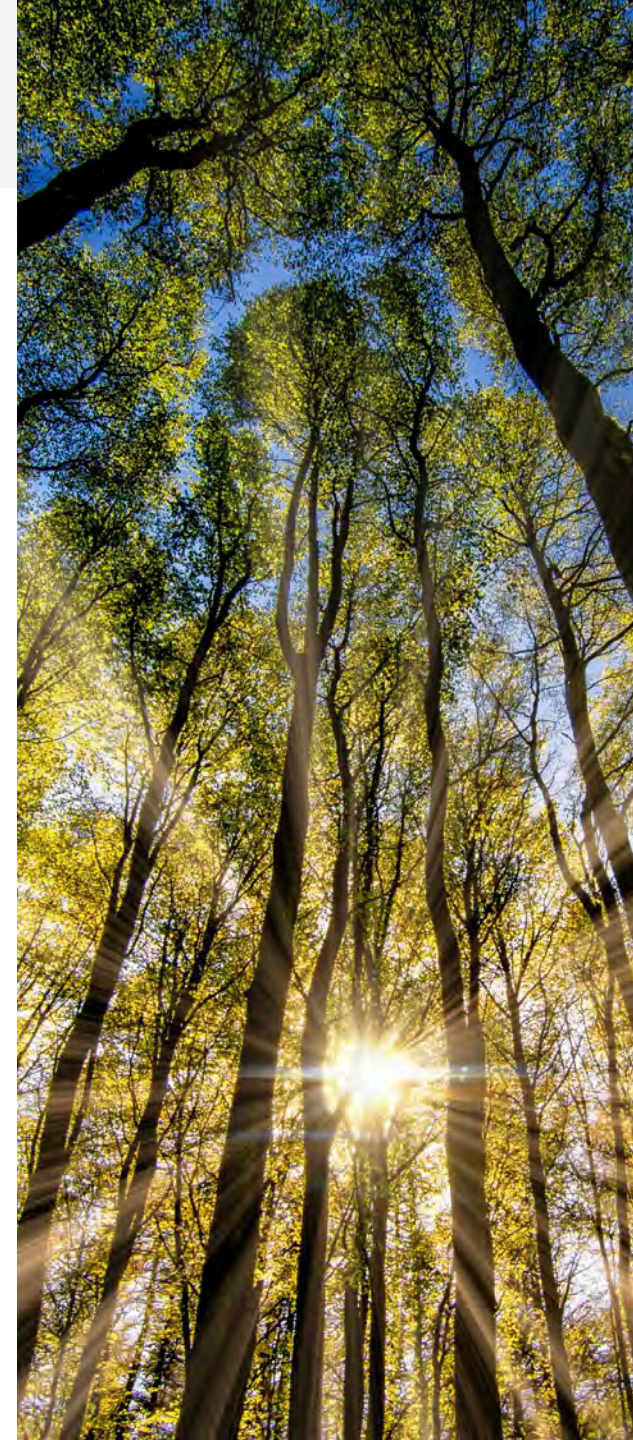
### ROBUST FINANCIALS

**Maintained est. NPV at €3.9Bn (A\$6.5Bn) pre-tax and €2.6Bn (A\$4.3Bn) post-tax**, and €705m target annual revenues. 4.2y payback, despite drop in lithium prices.

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### EXECUTION READY

- ✓ **Class 2 cost** estimate, ready to award key **EPC(m) contracts**.
- ✓ 10,000s of hours of **successful in-house A-DLE piloting** completed.
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#### ONE CORE PRODUCTION AREA:

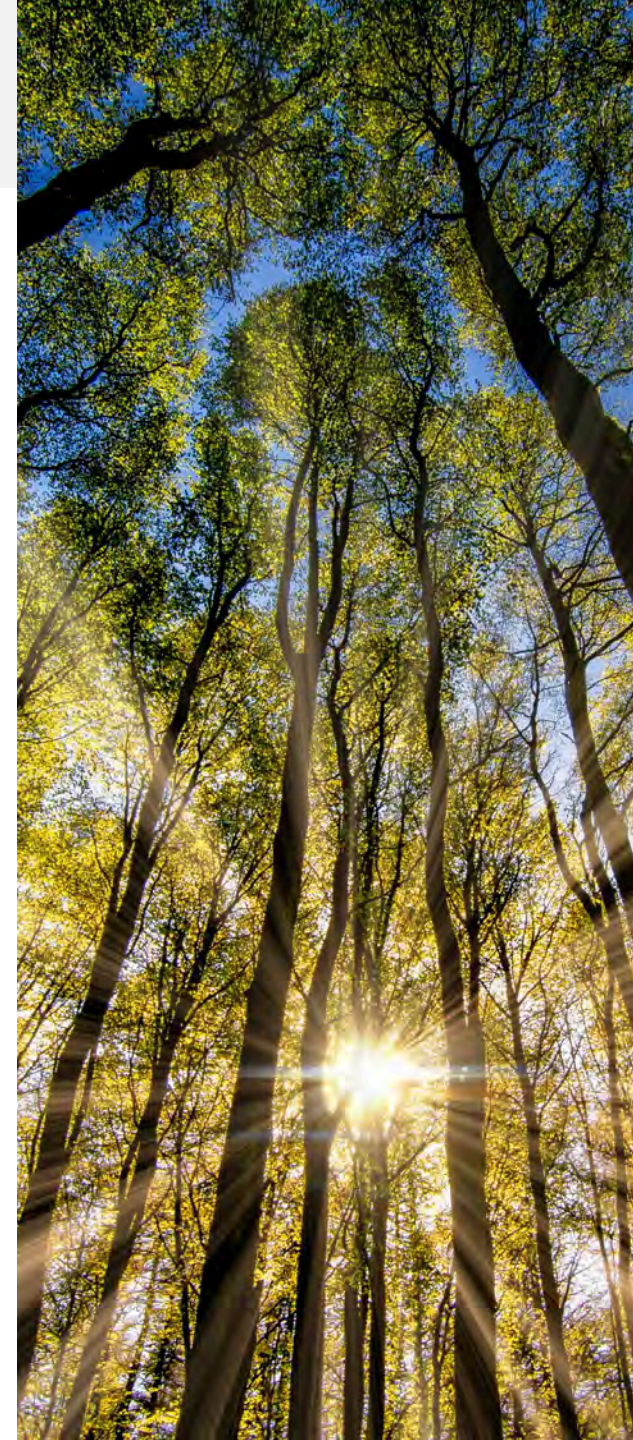
- **Improved** Field Development Plan (FDP), from two production areas down to **one core production area** that is already commercially producing brine.
- Reduction of two upstream lithium plants to one central plant.
- Simplified upstream design enabling **easier operation and maintenance**.

#### INCREASE IN RESERVES:

- State-of-the-art data acquisition results in **increase** of Phase One Lionheart Proved and Probable **Reserves** to 0.57 Mt Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE) @ 181 mg/l Li in the core "Lionheart" area, centred around current production wells in core of the URVBF field.<sup>1</sup>
- Resource of 4.16 Mt LCE @ 181mg/l Li in the Phase One Lionheart area, of which 2.11 Mt LCE is in the Measured category.<sup>1</sup>
- Large global Resource of 27.7 Mt LCE @ 175 mg/l Li, the **largest lithium Resource in Europe**<sup>2</sup> shows significant scope for **pipeline of further phased development**, with a modular approach to further plant build.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Competent Person Statement in Appendix 2

<sup>2</sup> According to public, JORC-compliant data.





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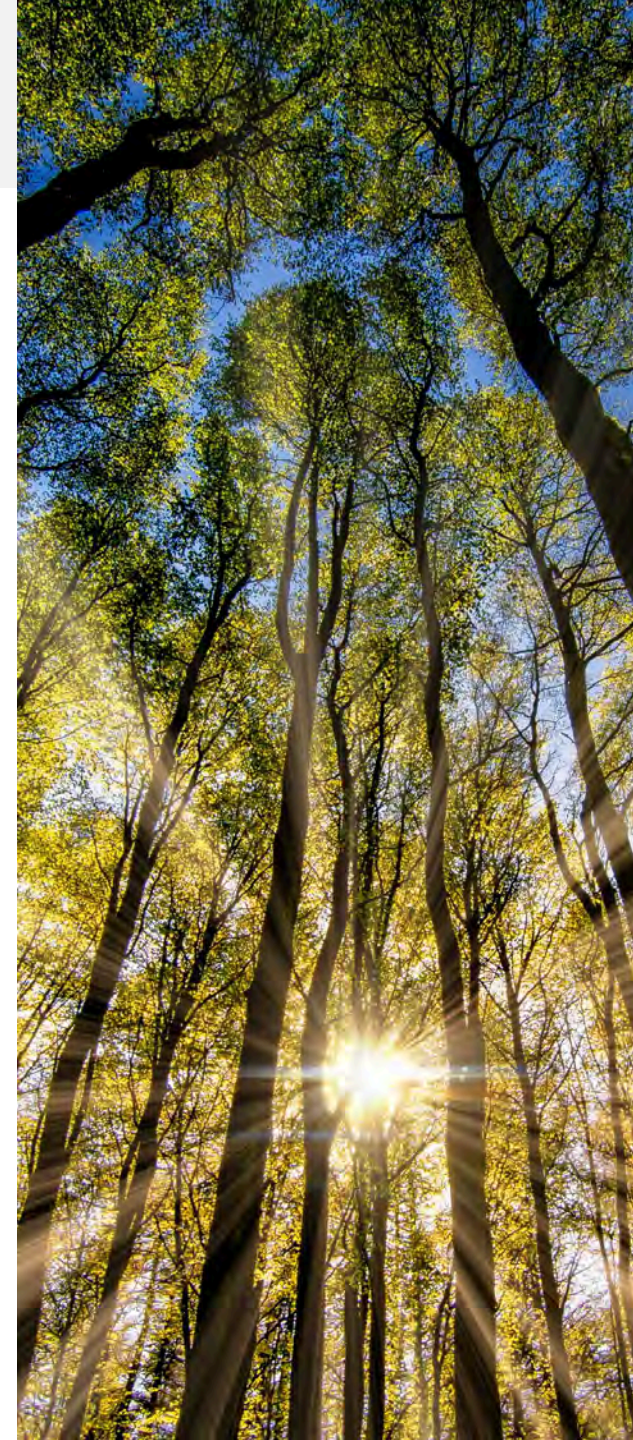
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#### IN A VOLATILE WORLD, LOW-COST PROJECT AND STABLE PRICING:

- **Very low OPEX** estimated at **€4,022/t lithium hydroxide**, due to smart use of waste heat to drive the process. Combined with offtake agreements with Tier One customers, **supports stability** during payback period, and protection from lithium price fluctuations.

#### PEERLESS ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS:

- Use of **integrated renewable energy** to enable **net zero carbon footprint** in process.
- Determined as a low environmental and social impact project due to small land requirements and being situated in industrial and agricultural areas.
- Vastly reduces transport distance of lithium supply chain.
- Usage of modern adsorbent technology requires low reagents.
- Integration of water recycle streams to enable very low net water consumption.
- Net energy positive operation, produces more renewable energy than it consumes, a world first.





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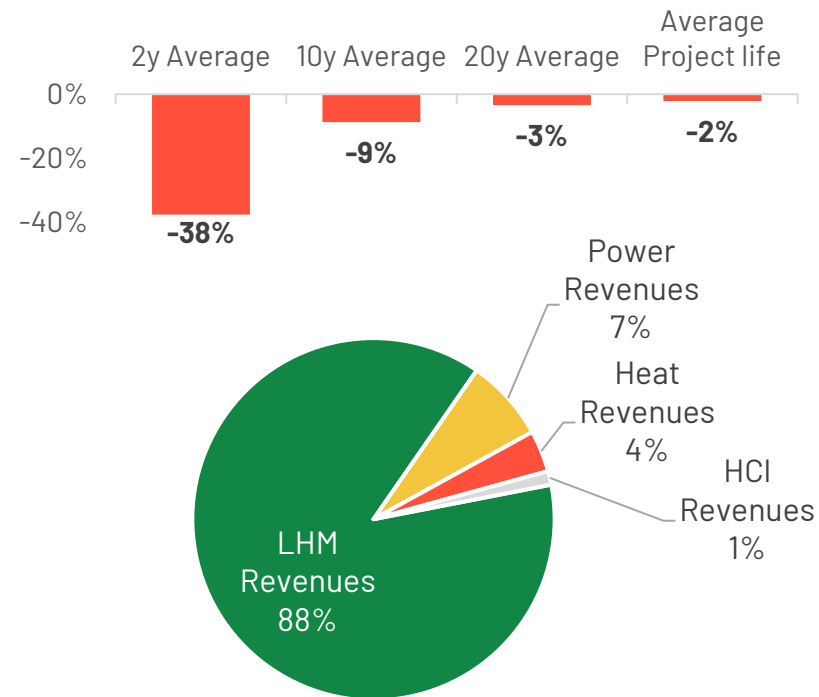
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### ROBUST FINANCIALS<sup>4</sup>

Maintained est. NPV at €3.9Bn (A\$6.5Bn) pre-tax, €2.6Bn (A\$4.3Bn) post-tax, and €705m target annual revenues. 4 year payback, despite drop in lithium prices.

	Base Case Financials Bridging Engineering
Revenues €m/a	705
EBITDA €m/a	521
EBITDA margin %	74%
<b>NPV pre-tax €m</b>	<b>3,906</b>
<b>NPV post-tax €Mm</b>	<b>2,566</b>
<b>IRR pre-tax %</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
<b>IRR post-tax %</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
Payback in years	4.2
<b>Total Capex €m</b>	<b>1,399</b>
<b>Avg Opex<sup>2</sup> €/t LHM</b>	<b>4,022</b>
<b>Avg LHM price 10y forecast<sup>3</sup> €/t</b>	<b>€23,865</b>
Avg LHM price forecast <sup>3</sup> €/t	€32,050

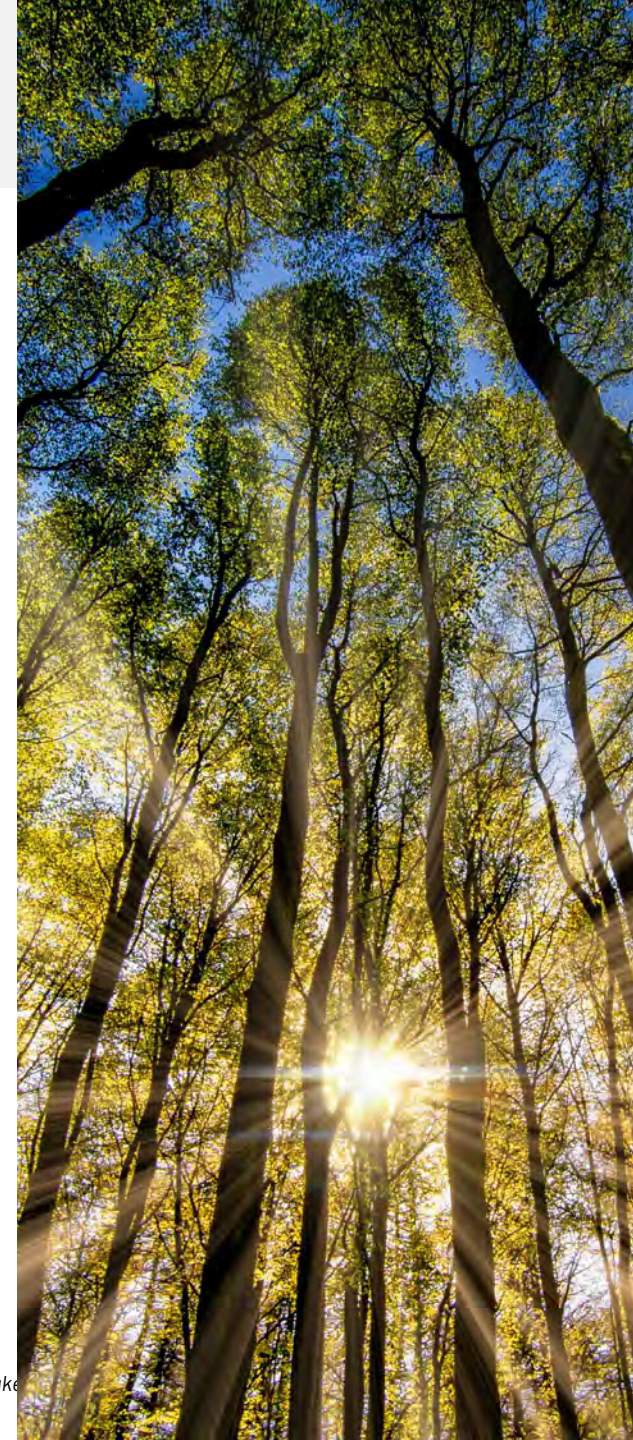
### LHM Price difference between DFS & BES



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<sup>2</sup> OPEX is based on a production at designed capacity at 24,600t, excluding inflation, LHM and including an average power price over the project life.

<sup>3</sup> The average forecast realised price per tonne of LHM is taking into consideration Fastmarkets long term price forecast (min 57.5% LiOH) (\$/kg, EU & US) and combining it with Vulcan's pricing concluded in offtake ceilings, fix prices, and price indexed on indexes like Fastmarkets. <sup>4</sup> Please see assumptions in Appendix 3.





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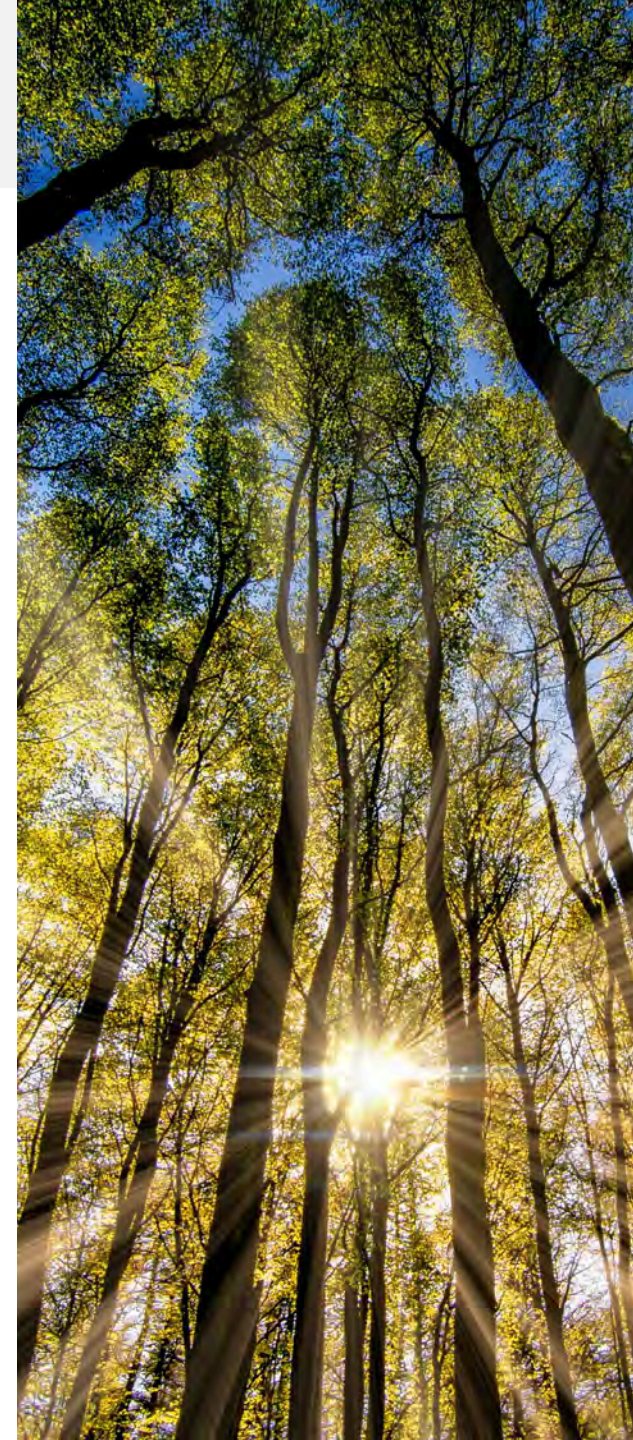
- ✓ **Class 2 cost** estimate, ready to award key **ECP(m) contracts**.
- ✓ 10,000s of hours of **successful in-house A-DLE piloting** completed.

#### HIGHER PROJECT DEFINITION:

- Reduced uncertainty **provides Class 2 cost estimate**, ready to award key contracts.
- **Key land parcels acquired** for initial execution phase. Preparatory works conducted on first site.
- **EPCM tender** process very advanced, contractor to be named in Q1/Q2.
- **Key permits are on track**, having been received or have been submitted.

#### PROVEN COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY | UNIQUE IN-HOUSE EXPERTISE:

- Adsorption-type Direct Lithium Extraction (**A-DLE**) used in process, which constitutes **10% of lithium production today**, and set to increase to 15% of market share in the next 10 years due to its cost, purity and sustainability advantages.
- Vulcan using its own proprietary in-house adsorbent, **VULSORB®**, which has shown a high performance relative to “off the shelf” products.
- **10,000s of hours of successful in-house pilot plant** performance conducted, showing >90% lithium recoveries, and 1000s of cycles of sorbent life with no loss of capacity, reducing OPEX.





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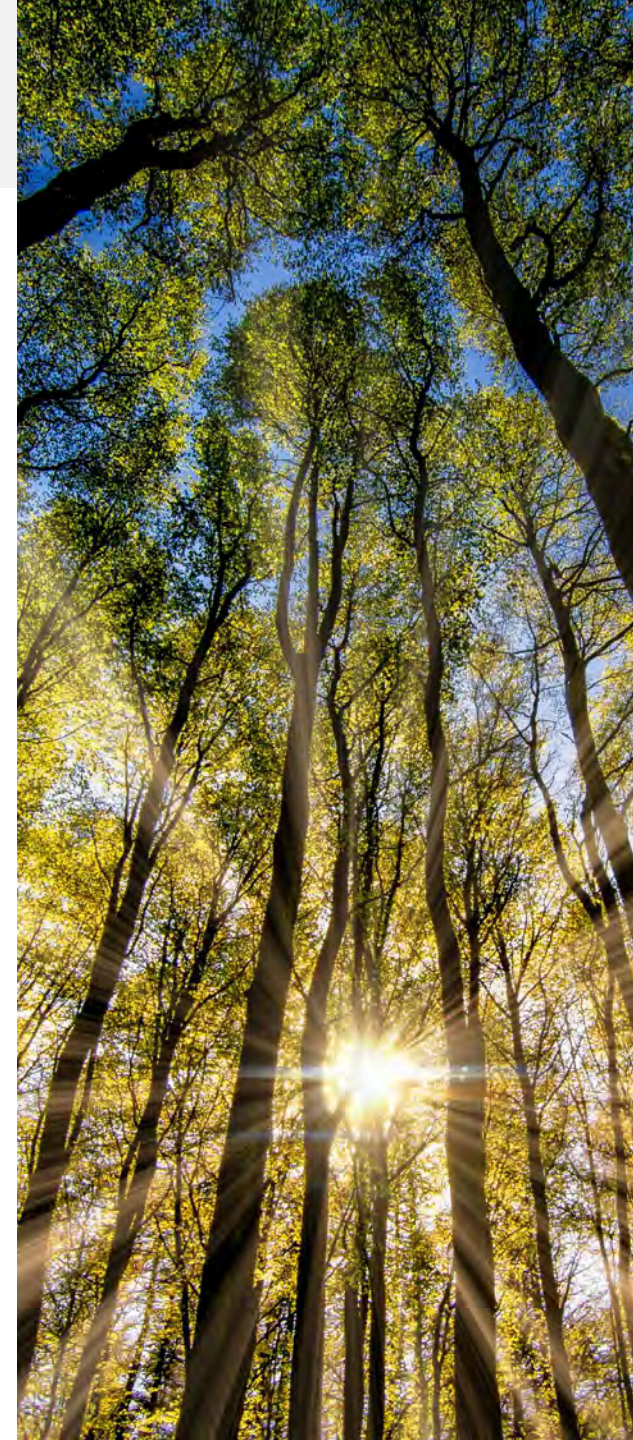
**Launching** project level debt and equity **financing with strong support.**

#### PRODUCTION TEAM IN TRAINING:

- **Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant (LEOP)** in final stages of commissioning, opening scheduled for next week; **Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP)** progressing well.
- Together these represent a ca. **€50m investment** by the Company, towards optimisation, operational training and product qualification facilities to enable commercial operational readiness.
- These will produce the **first tonnes of lithium chemicals ever fully domestically produced in Europe.**
- Optimisation plant built to start sending volume of product to off takers for pre-qualifications testing.

#### SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON FINANCING:

- Debt-financing market sounding successfully completed, led by BNP Paribas. Commercial and development banks under NDA expressed **strong interest**, awaiting formal start of process.
- **Substantial in-principle financing support** received from government-backed Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) for financing, from France, Italy, Canada and Australia.
- Financing process with strategic and institutional investors for equity at the **project level** commencing.
- Financing and project execution timeline adjusted and **aligned to coincide** with **public grant funding** application processes.







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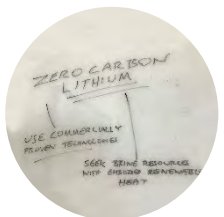


# I. INTRODUCTION





# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



Vulcan Energy Resources Ltd. Founded privately as Zero Carbon Lithium Company by Dr. Francis Wedin and Dr. Horst Kreuter, starting from a "whiteboard idea"



Became a commercial renewable energy producer



Stellantis becomes first automaker to invest equity in a lithium company: \$76m investment into Vulcan



Commissioning of LEOP after three years of DLE test works



Completion of Positive Phase One DFS

Project level debt and equity financing kick off



2018

2021

2022

2023

ASX Listing May 2018

**SS**  
Scoping Study completed

Estimation of largest Lithium resource in Europe - Globally significant

Lithium extraction test work commences

**PFS**  
Released

Two institutional capital raises for a total of \$320m

Acquisition of German engineering companies to create larger in-house team



Acquisition of two electric drill rigs

Five binding lithium hydroxide agreements signed



**LG Energy Solution**

First renewable heat offtake signed with MVV

FSE Prime Standard Dual Listing successfully completed

High grade, lowest impurity LHM produced from pilot plant

Construction of Vulcan's Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant commences



Successful in-house development of VULSORB®

Successful completion of lithium extraction pilot test work

**DFS**

\$109m institutional equity raise

Second joint project signed with Stellantis to decarbonise energy supply for their operations

**BES**  
Bridging Engineering Study completed



# EXPERIENCED TEAM READY TO DELIVER



**Executive Chair**  
Dr. Francis Wedin

Founder of Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project.  
Extensive lithium and climate tech industry executive  
experience



**Managing Director & CEO**  
Cris Moreno

20+ years' major energy and chemicals project  
execution experience



370  
FTE

29 nations,  
one mission





**Cris Moreno**  
Managing Director & CEO

Cris has over 20 years' global experience in successfully delivering major, unique and challenging capital projects, including in the lithium chemicals, cathode and LNG sectors. In the LNG sector, Cris held leadership roles with Santos, Woodside, and Shell, including working on the Browse, Gorgon and Prelude LNG projects.



**Mark Skelton**  
Non-Executive Director

Mr Skelton has more than 35 years' experience including a 29-year tenure at BP and then at Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) in Project Development and general management. A senior leader and advisor with a proven record in delivering major projects, business transformation and developing organisational capability within the mining, energy and oil and gas industries, Mr Skelton has extensive project experience in Australia and internationally.



**Annie Liu**  
Non-Executive Director

Annie was the Executive Director of Purchasing for the Ford Model e Line, for all electric products and technology. Annie started her 20+ year career as an engineer at Microsoft before moving to Tesla where she progressed to Head of Supply Chain, Battery and Energy at Tesla. Annie is experienced in building and leading teams from product incubation stage to scale up and mature market bringing a unique blend of entrepreneurial initiative and ability to meet organisation and market growth needs.



**Dr. Francis Wedin**  
Executive Chair

Founder of Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project and has extensive experience in battery materials and renewable energy. Previously Executive Director of ASX-listed Exore Resources Ltd where he developed two new lithium resources, on two continents. PhD in Geology, MBA in Renewable Energy.



**Josephine Bush**  
Non-Executive Director

Ms Bush is a qualified solicitor and chartered tax advisor, as well as earning the CFA ESG investing qualification and a sustainable finance certification. She has an MA in Law from Cambridge University. She built and led the UK and Ireland Renewables Tax Practice and developed latterly the EY global renewables business plan. She was a member of the Ernst & Young Power and Utilities Board and UK&I Governance Board and was a senior partner at EY for 14 years.



**Dr. Günter Hilken**  
Non-Executive Director

Dr. Hilken has over 35 years' experience in and a deep understanding of the German chemicals, renewables and infrastructure investment sectors and, through leading industry advocacy associations, the German Government at the State and Federal level. Dr. Hilken is a Senior Advisor to Macquarie Asset Management, Director of Currenta and President and Chairman of the Board of the German Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (VIK).



**Gavin Rezos**  
Deputy Chair

Executive Chair/CEO positions of three companies that grew from start-ups to the ASX 300. Extensive international investment banking and project finance experience. Former Investment Banking Director of HSBC with senior multi-regional roles in investment banking, legal and compliance functions. Formerly a Director of Iluka Resources Limited. Currently principal of Viaticus Capital, Non-Executive Chair of Kuniko Limited.



**Ranya Alkadamani**  
Non-Executive Director

Founder of Impact Group International. A communications strategist, focused on amplifying the work of companies that have a positive social or environmental impact. Experience in working across media markets and for high profile people, including one of Australia's leading philanthropists, Andrew Forrest and Australia's former Foreign Minister and former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd.



**Dr. Heidi Grön**  
Non-Executive Director

Dr. Grön is a chemical engineer by background and an accomplished business leader with over 22 years' experience in the chemicals industry. Since 2007, Dr. Grön has been a senior executive with Evonik, one of the largest specialty chemicals companies in the world, with a market capitalization of €14B and 32,000 employees.



**Dr. Horst Kreuter**  
Board Advisor & Chief Representative Germany

Dr. Horst Kreuter is a highly experienced businessman and engineering geologist, with a distinguished record of project development and consulting in the geothermal sector. He worked successfully in geothermal project development and permitting in Germany and worldwide and he is Co-Founder of Vulcan Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project, as well as Ex-CEO of Geothermal Group Germany GmbH and GeoThermal Engineering GmbH (GeoT).

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# SEASONED, HIGHLY EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP TEAM TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF PHASE ONE

## Team overview



**Vincent Pedailles**  
Chief Commercial Officer

Commercial team lead with 10+ years' experience in the lithium industry and successfully executing binding lithium offtake agreements and raising capital.



**Markus Ritzauer**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Germany

German finance operations lead with 20+ years' experience in finance roles within the chemicals industry.



**Thorsten Weimann**  
Chief Development Officer

Relevant regional experience (subsurface & surface). Extensive drilling and permit expertise in the geothermal industry in Germany.



**Dr. Stefan Brand**  
Chief Technology Officer

Lithium technical team lead, former Head of process innovation at Clariant, a leading specialty and sustainable chemical solutions company.



**Carsten Bachg**  
Vice President Project Execution

20+ years' experience working on capital projects in the petrochemical and chemical industry for engineering contractors.



**Daniel Tydde**  
Company Secretary & In-house legal Counsel

20 years' experience in corporate law in resources and energy industry.



**Christian Tragut**  
Vice President Production

30+ years' chemical engineering and production experience across Europe and Asia.



**Christian Freitag**  
Vice President Supply Chain

20 years' experience in project engineering in oil and gas, Hydrogen plants as well as battery materials investments and engineering.



**Dr. Kerstin Mueller**  
Vice President Subsurface

Geoscientist and E&P Upstream O&G professional with broad international experience. Also has experience in the field of Geothermal Energy.



**Annabel Roedhammer**  
Vice President Communications

18 years' marketing and communication experience in chemicals and renewable energy across Australia and Europe.



370 FTEs as of November 2023 with 100% of the team allocated to Phase One



# WHY DO WE NEED LITHIUM IN EUROPE?

## The market



- EU targets new cars to be **100%** electric by 2035<sup>1</sup>.
- **1,400GWh** li-ion battery manufacturing estimated capacity by 2030<sup>2</sup> for EV transition.
- Predictions indicate Europe will see a **57-fold** increase in lithium demand.<sup>3</sup>

## The crisis



- **Zero** local supply of lithium hydroxide. **80%** reliant on China.<sup>4</sup>
- Current supply of lithium is **CO<sub>2</sub>** intensive. Western automakers want low carbon sources.<sup>5</sup>

## The solution



- Vulcan is developing the only **CO<sub>2</sub> neutral**, zero fossil fuel lithium project in the world, producing lithium **from Europe, for Europe.**<sup>6</sup>
- Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project is the largest lithium resource in Europe.<sup>7</sup>

Vulcan has offtake agreements with some of the largest battery, cathode and EV producers in Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_6462](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6462)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/news-insights/research/investment-in-lithium-ion-batteries-could-deliver-5-point-9-twh-capacity-by-2030>

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<sup>5</sup> Refer to next slide. <sup>6</sup> Vulcan is not aware of any other such projects either in development or operation

<sup>7</sup> According to public, JORC-compliant data

# WHY DO WE NEED GEOTHERMAL RENEWABLE ENERGY IN EUROPE?

## The market



- EU to be climate neutral by 2050. Germany to be fully renewable by 2035.<sup>1</sup>
- EU wants to develop local sources of energy.<sup>2</sup>

## The crisis



- Dual crises: Ukraine war and climate crisis.
- EU is now sourcing gas from Norway and other areas in the EU. Domestic energy sources are key.<sup>3</sup>
- 55% of Germany's gas came from Russia pre-Ukraine invasion.<sup>4</sup>
- European emissions need to fall dramatically to avoid climate breakdown and meet carbon neutral by 2050.<sup>5</sup>

## The solution



- Fraunhofer: Geothermal renewable energy can meet a quarter of Germany's heating needs.<sup>6</sup>
- German Govt. announced in November '22 the need for 100 new Geothermal projects targeting 10 TWh of geothermal output by 2030.<sup>7</sup>
- The Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field has the hottest geothermal resource in central Europe.
- Vulcan is already commercially producing geothermal, baseload energy in Germany.
- Vulcan is ramping up with the aim to supply a million households with renewable energy by 2030.<sup>8</sup>

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# POLICY TAILWINDS IN VULCAN'S FAVOUR

The recently released *Critical Raw Materials*<sup>1</sup> and *Net Zero Industry Acts*<sup>2</sup> present a strong focus on fast-tracking the permitting process and funding for technologies of relevance to the strategic autonomy of the EU economy

	Critical Raw Materials Act - Proposed Framework	Net Zero Industry Act - Proposed Framework	Implications for Vulcan
Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials</li> <li><b>“Strategic project” status, indicating the status of the highest national significance possible</b></li> <li><b>UPDATE: CRMA now agreed by member states</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a framework for strengthening Europe’s net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem</li> <li><b>Net Zero Resilience Projects shall get the status of the highest national significance possible</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Should it be granted, Strategic Project and Net Zero Resilience Project status could significantly streamline project progress</b></li> </ul>
Permitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>One stop-shop for permitting</b> handled by one national authority, with all permitting documentation to be sent out to a centralised system</li> <li>Permit granting process shall <b>not exceed 24 months</b> for Strategic Projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit to permit granting procedures for Net Zero Resilience Projects are set to 12 months for the construction or expansion of Net Zero Resilience Projects, with a yearly production output of more than 1 GW.</li> <li>Environmental impact assessments to not exceed a period of 30 days from the date of project submission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Potentially fast track and streamline the permitting process</b></li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better coordination and synergy creation between the existing funding programmes at Union and national level as well as ensuring better coordination and collaboration with industry and key private sector stakeholders.</li> <li>Potential public funding support, in the form of guarantees, loans or equity and quasi-equity investments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States to provide financial support to address financing gaps in the form of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) guarantees to decrease borrowing costs</li> <li>b) off-take guarantees for tech made in Europe</li> </ul> </li> <li>Innovation Fund auctions to allocate grants to Net Zero industry projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Potential EU &amp; State grant/subsidies</b></li> <li><b>Assistance with other financing alternatives</b></li> </ul>

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## II. ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ PROJECT





# BUILDING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND LITHIUM CHEMICALS PRODUCTION

Phase one

270 GWh power p.a.  
Up to 560 GWh heat p.a.

LiCl concentrate for  
24,000tpa LHM equivalent

24,000tpa  
LHM (capacity)

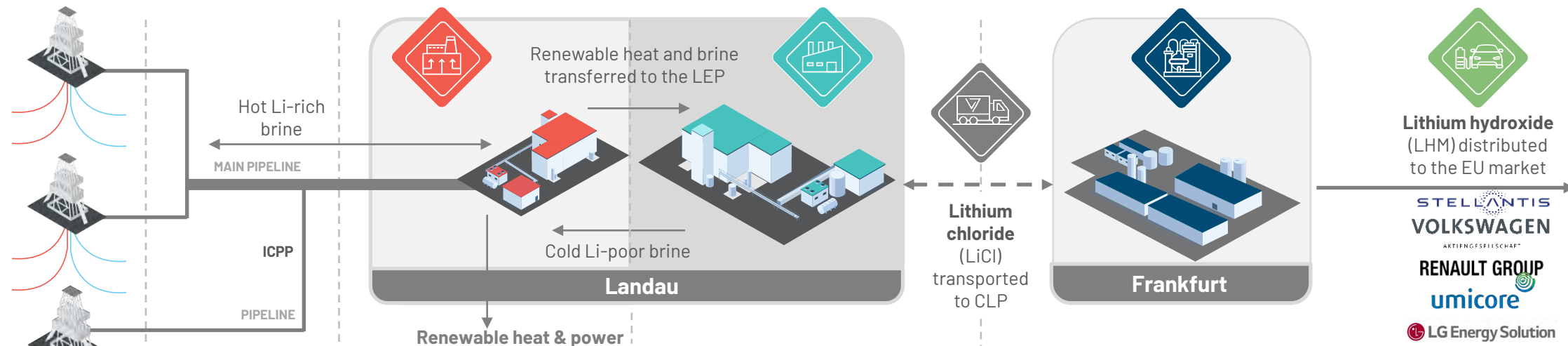
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5. Central Lithium Plant (CLP)

Electric Mobility



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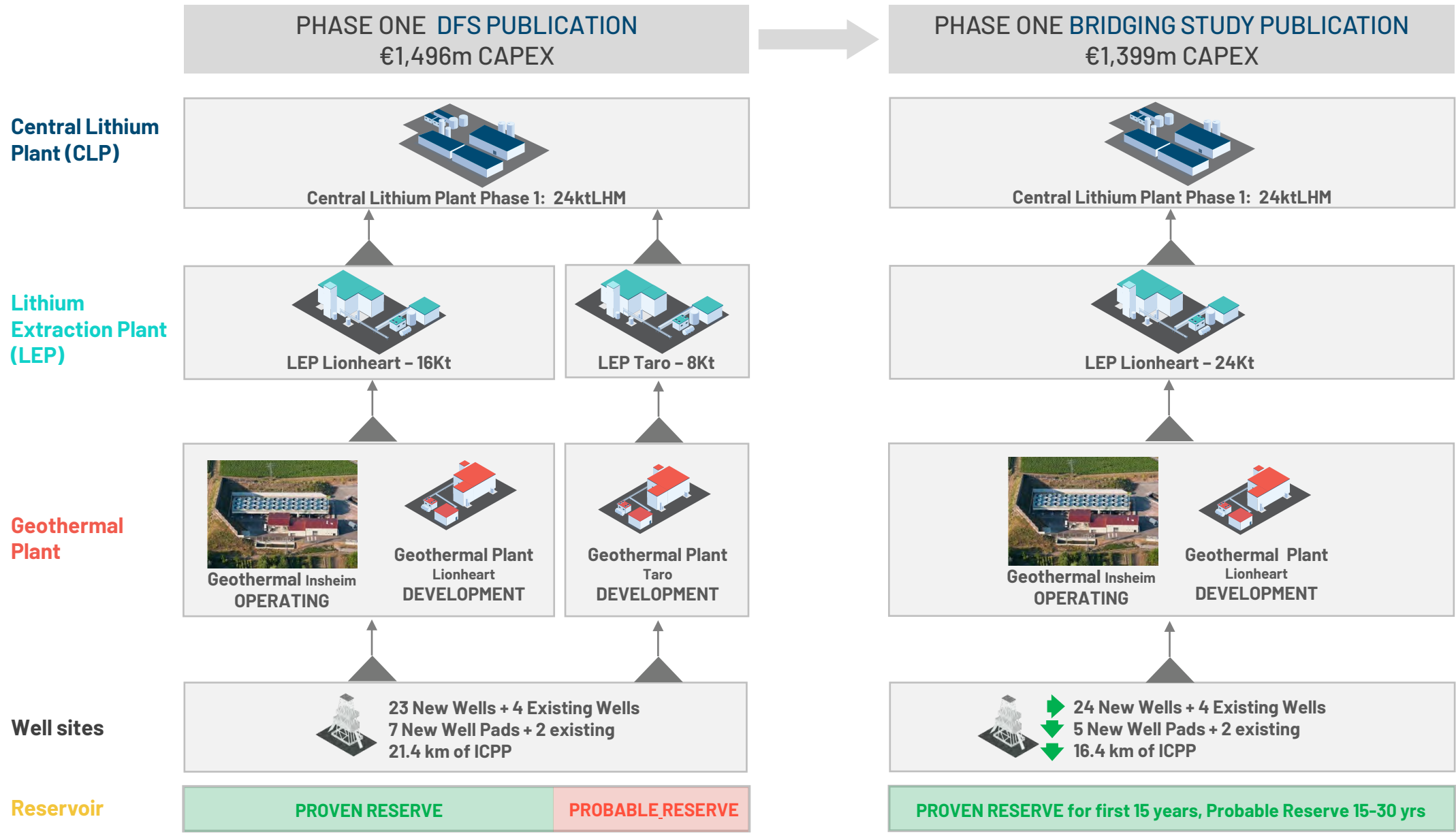
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# IMPROVEMENT IN OUR PHASE ONE PROJECT STRUCTURE



# WHY CHANGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE ONE?

## ► TO REDUCE RISK & INCREASE VALUE

### Improved Field Development Plan

- Phase One FDP now only focused on mainly Proved Reserves in the core, producing “brownfields” Lionheart development area, i.e. reduced risk.
- **Improved Resources and Reserves outcome from Lionheart alone** (196kt to 318kt LCE)<sup>1</sup>. Improved production plateau, **higher revenue**.
- Case map implemented **showing positive economic results** across all outcomes, **even under low case conditions**.
- Hybrid injection model allows an optimised FDP and can manage risk during Lionheart execution.

### Simpler execution and operation

- **Reducing the number of lithium extraction plants** (LEP) from two to one and geothermal (ORC) plants from two to one.
- **Reducing overall distance for interconnecting** pipelines & power (ICPP) system, and number of new well sites from seven to five.
- **Reduced owner’s team and more focused efforts on less sites** during execution and production.

### Simpler permitting

- Reduction of the number of assets means a **simpler, and potentially faster, permitting process**.
- Infracore, the chemical park operator, as well as the City of Landau and Insheim are already working closely with Vulcan to permit the Project.

### CAPEX improvement

- Bridging Study shows **drop in CAPEX** of ~€100m linked to the **reduction of the numbers of assets** but **keeping the same capacity**.
- **Economies of scale achieved through larger LEP plant**.

### Schedule aligned with public funding

- Improved robustness of schedule with key risks now better understood (land acquisition, permitting approach) and key opportunities captured.
- Alignment of Phase One execution schedule with Public Funding schemes to maximise chance to receive government funds.
- **Clear plan to move from end of Bridging phase, through validation period to award of major (EPC, EPCM) contracts in Q2 2024**.

### What doesn't change?

- No change in the output: **same LHM capacity targeted**.
- **Overall Project execution & contracting strategy**.

<sup>1</sup>. Refer to Competent Person Statement in Appendix 2





# A . OUR PROCESS: USING THE BEST FROM THE INDUSTRY





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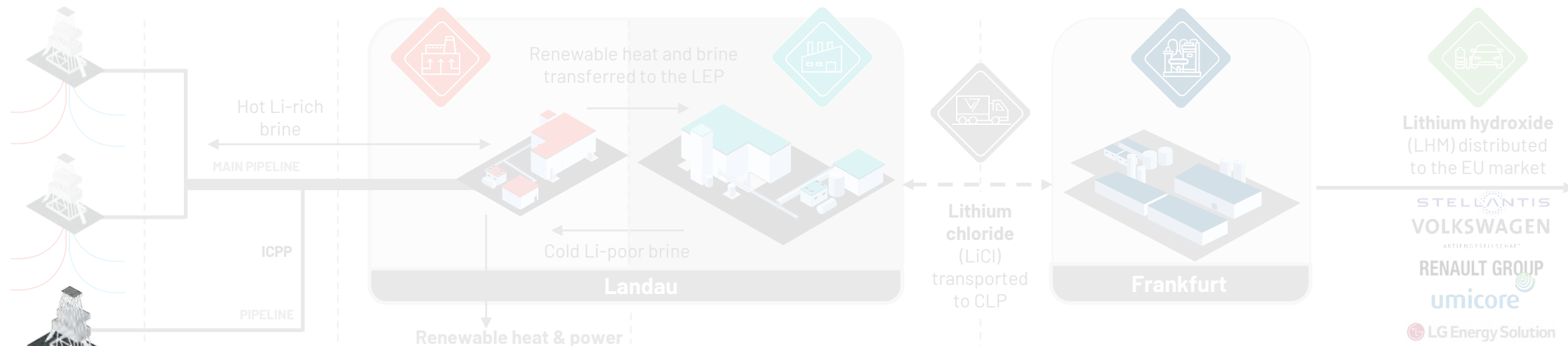
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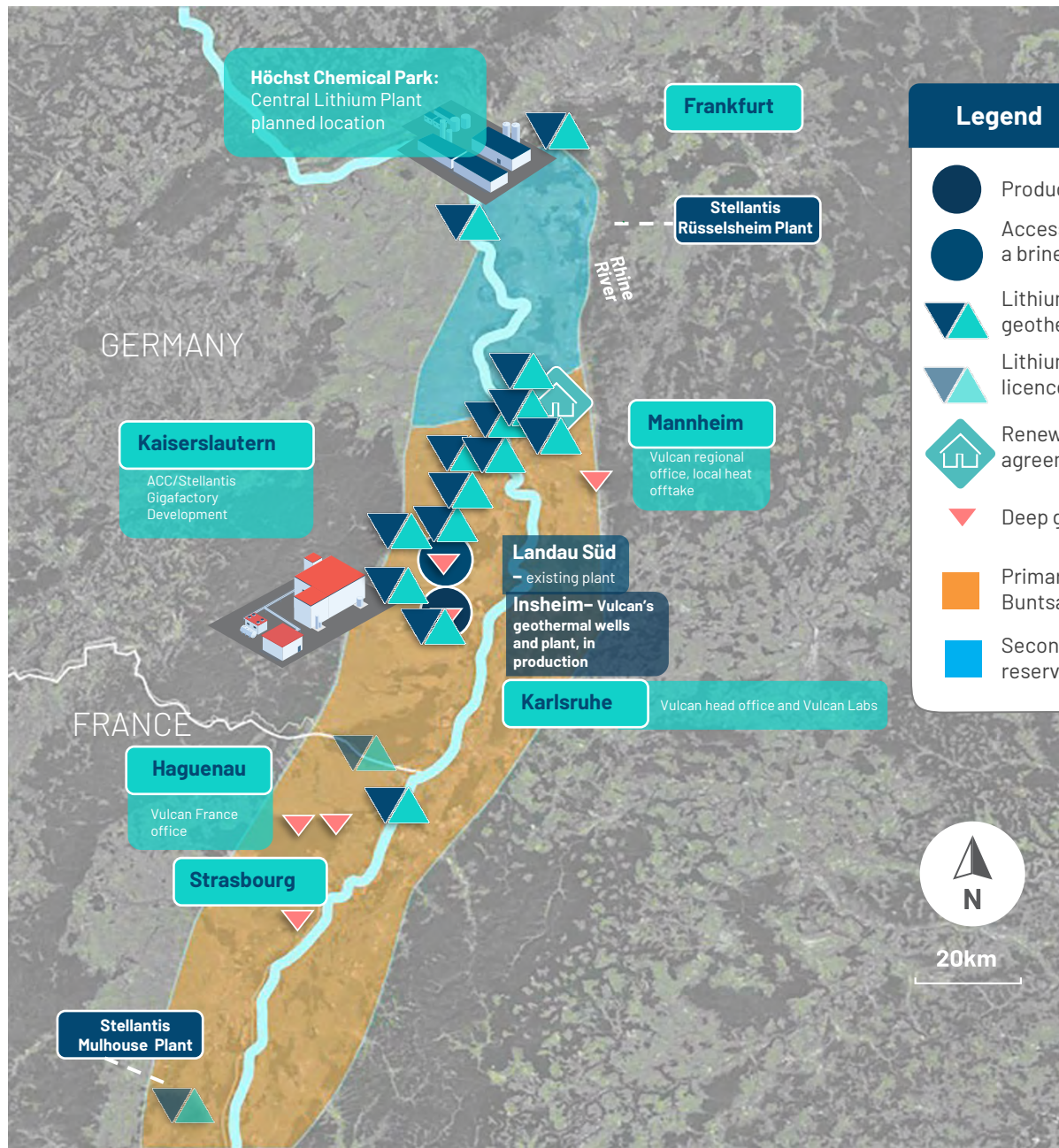
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# THE UPSTREAM LITHIUM RESOURCE: THE LARGEST IN EUROPE

- ✓ Vulcan's Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field (URVBF), consisting of 16 licences for a total area of 1,790 km<sup>2</sup>, represents **Europe's largest lithium resource**<sup>1</sup>, with **27.7Mt contained LCE from 10 of its 16 German licences**.<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Large, **300km-long** graben system containing consistent sedimentary-hosted geothermal-lithium reservoir.
- ✓ There are currently **36 geothermal plants** operating in Germany and **42 active projects**<sup>2</sup>. The Federal Government targets to reach 100 plants by 2030.<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ URVBF area is a **mature, producing field**, with **>1,000 oil & gas** and **24 deep geothermal wells** already drilled in the URV.



<sup>1</sup>According to public, JORC-compliant data

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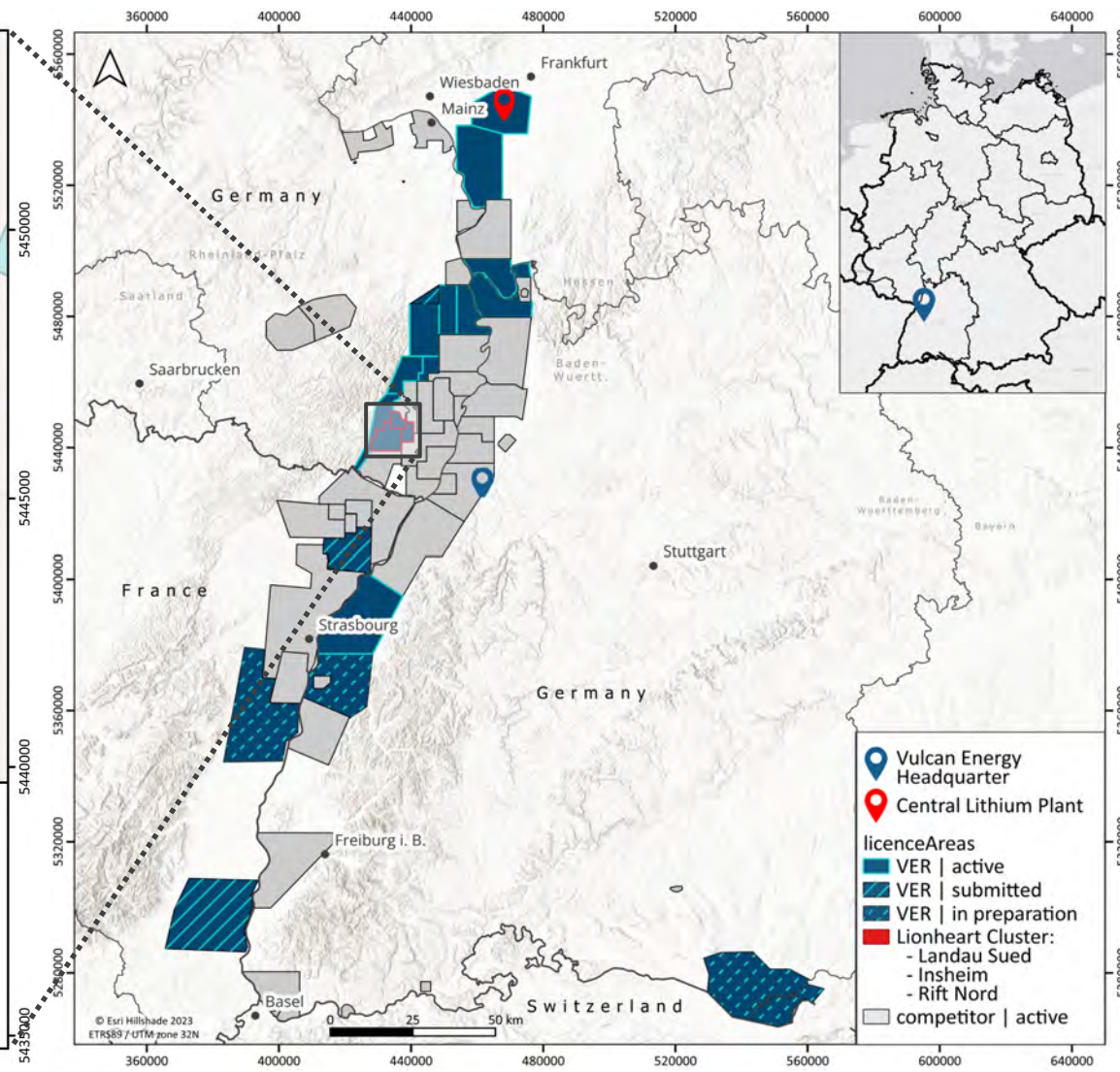
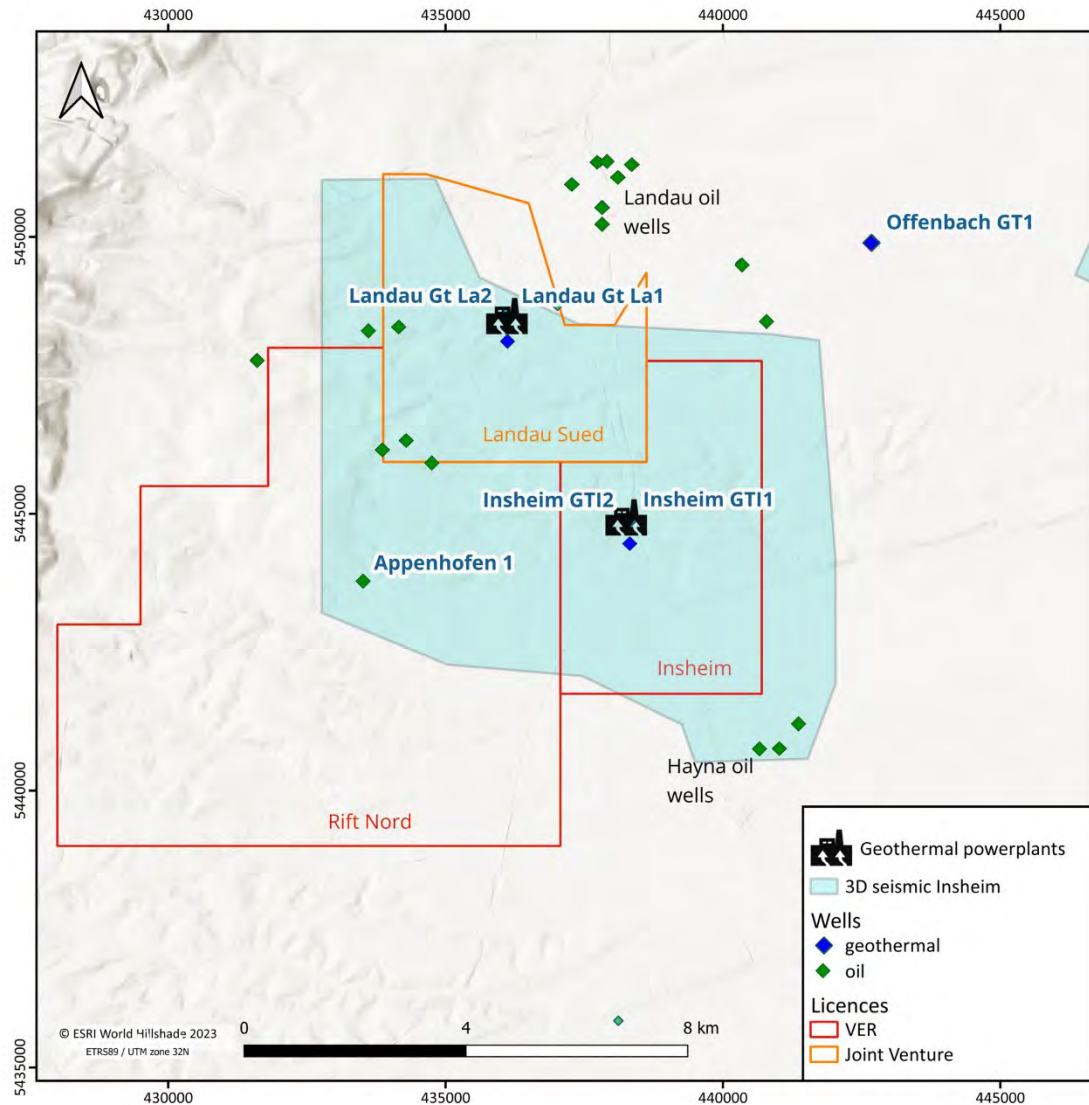
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# PHASE ONE AREA

Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field: Europe's largest, and a globally significant, lithium resource and reserve

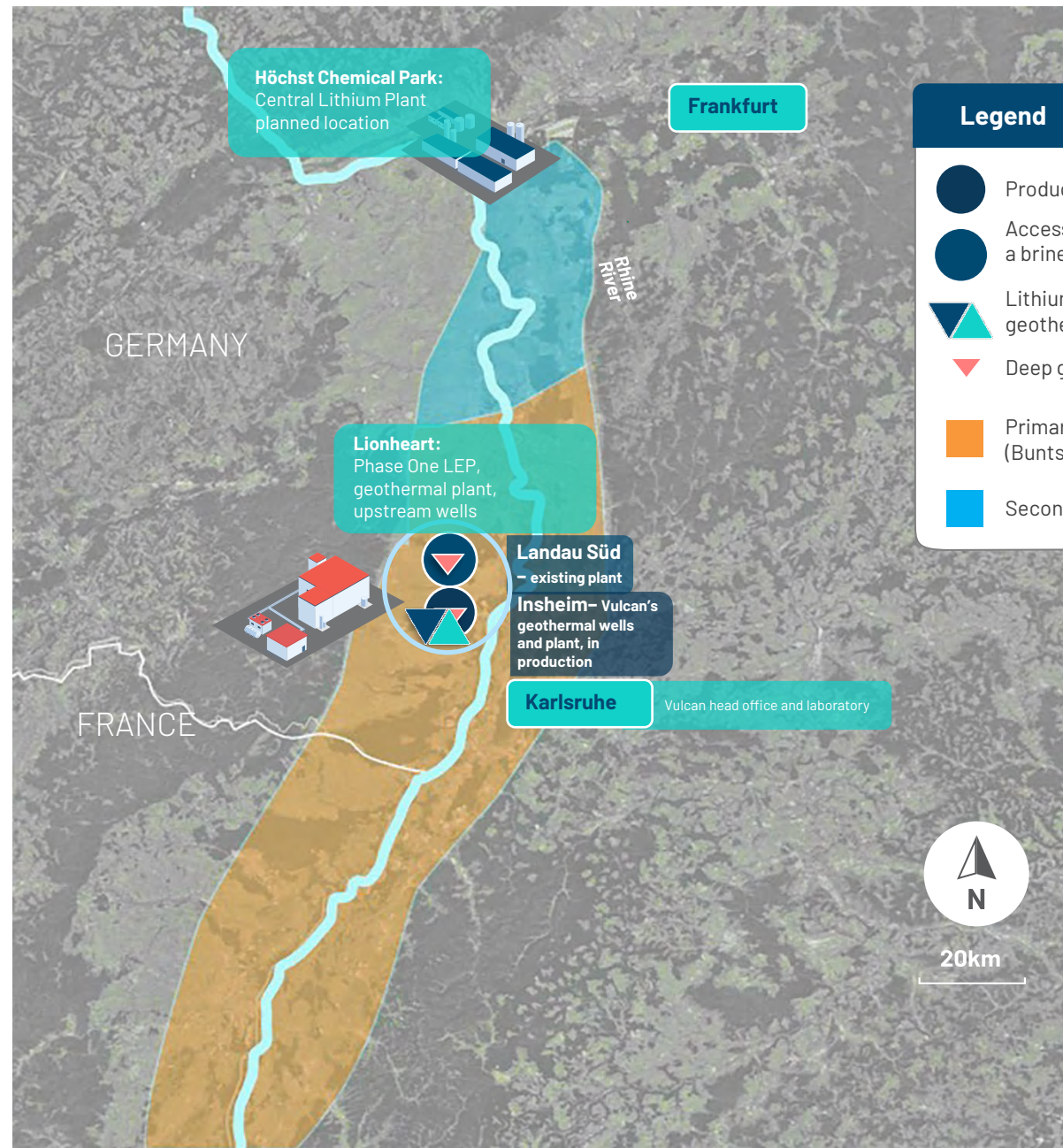






# PHASE ONE AREA

- ✓ Phased growth approach, Phase One starting from core of field where Vulcan **already owns production/re-injection wells in operation.**
- ✓ Phase One focuses on **Proved Reserves** of 318kt LCE for years 0-15 of production, then Probable Reserves of 252kt LCE for years 16-30.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ **Brownfields development area around existing production only.**
- ✓ Integrated renewable energy and lithium battery chemicals operation, close to lithium offtake customers and renewable heat customers.



<sup>1</sup> Refer to Competent Person Statement in Appendix 2



# WORLD-CLASS LITHIUM AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITY

## Key parameters

- Phase One is focused on Vulcan's **proven, brine-producing Lionheart** (L10) development area.
- Improved Field Development Plan aims to produce and reinject up to a target rate of 950l/s of lithium rich brine over 30 years from Phase One.
- Expected lithium production at well head is **647kt LHM (570kt LCE) over 30 years** from Proved and Probable Reserves.<sup>1</sup>

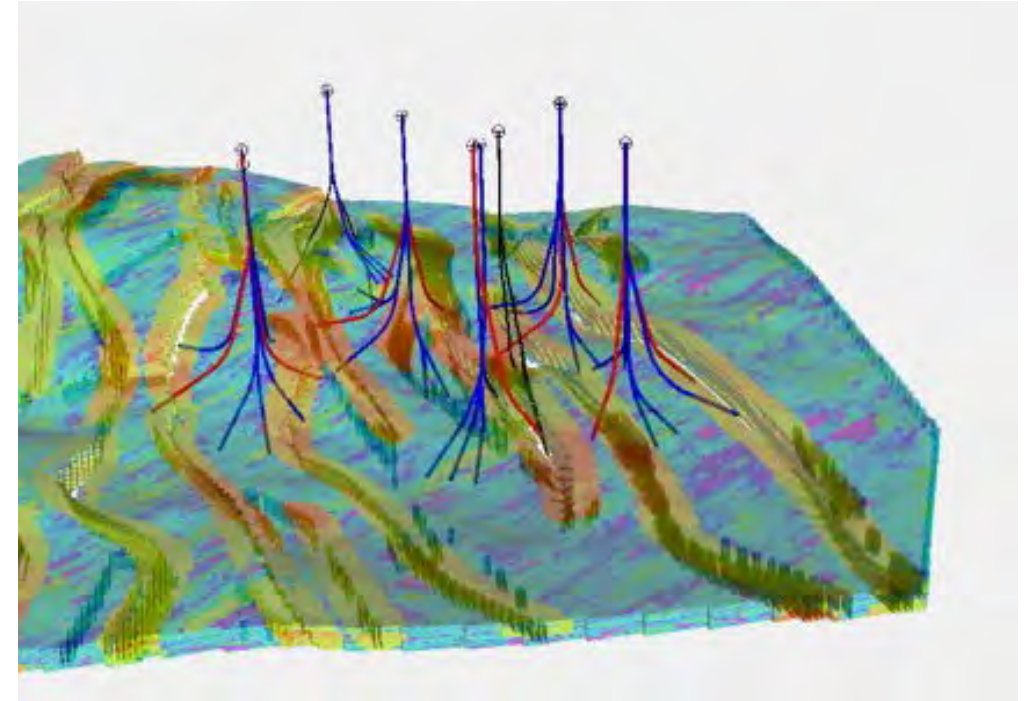
## Key strengths

**Excellent 10+ years' track record** from Vulcan's existing production/re-injection wells, (65-70l/s production rate with well tests showing ability to produce >100l/s).

- **Hundreds of measurements of lithium** concentration over the project area, very consistent over space and time.
- **Pilot plants successfully operated** at multiple well locations to de-risk lithium production process.
- **Flexible field development** to cater for different risk and opportunities as they become apparent as part of the FDP execution.
- Case map implemented showing results across all geological outcomes:
  - Positive economic results under low case conditions.
  - Significant upside from formations adjacent to primary target or expansion into adjacent licences.

## Key uncertainties and risks

- Reservoir matrix properties – mitigation in place: agile field development plan.
- Dilution management – mitigation in place: agile field development plan.



**Lionheart development area and well locations**

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the production target assumptions on Appendix 3.





# FIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

## PHASE 1 Definitive Feasibility Study

## PHASE 1 Bridging Engineering Study

Area(s)	PHASE 1 Definitive Feasibility Study		PHASE 1 Bridging Engineering Study	
	<b>Lionheart (Insheim, Landau Sued, Rift North)</b>		<b>Taro (incl. Kerner East)</b>	
Well Sites	<b>9 (incl. 2 existing)</b>		<b>7 (incl. 2 existing)</b>	
Wells	<b>14 + 4 (existing)</b>		<b>9</b>	
Reserves [kt] LCE/LHM	<b>196 / 223 proved</b>	<b>154 / 175 probable</b>	<b>0 proved</b>	<b>189 / 215 probable</b>
+ΔBHP [bar]	<b>Up to 170</b>		<b>Up to 70</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Competent Person Statement in Appendix 2

\*Wellhead/LEP-inlet as reference point



# EVOLUTION OF THE FIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## DFS

- Strong Reserves & Resource outcome from Lionheart & Taro.
- For maximum Li recovery, matrix injection plan.
- Matrix injection led to increased injection pressure.



## Bridging Engineering Study

- **Improved Reserves Outcome** from Lionheart.
- **Brownfields production area only. Reduction of risk.**
- Case map implemented showing results across all geological outcomes and under low case conditions still positive economical results.
- Update model shows moving to **fault zone injection still provides good Li recovery.**
- Reduction of injection pressure with some fault zone injection.
- **Hybrid injection model allows for optimised FDP and can manage risk** as we execute on Lionheart FDP.





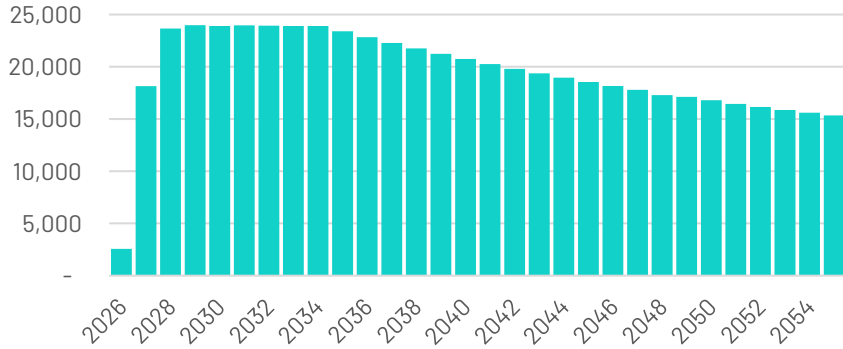


# THREE ROBUST LHM PRODUCTION SCENARIOS

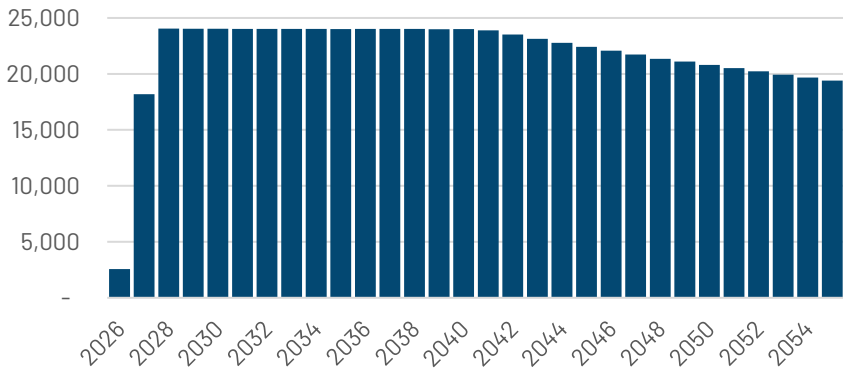


### LHM production (tpy)

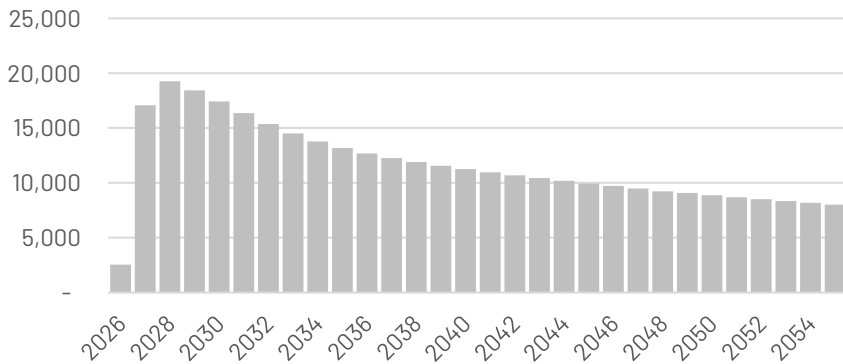
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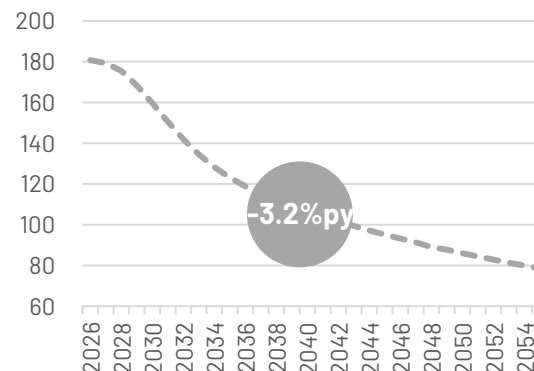
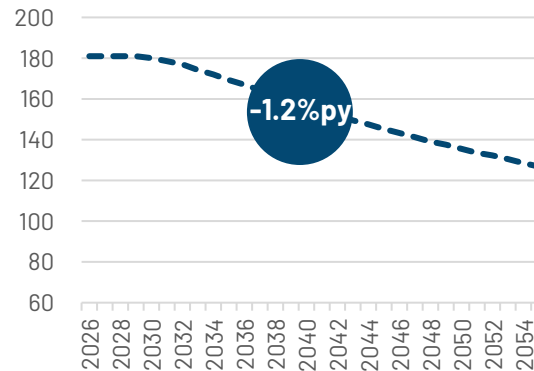
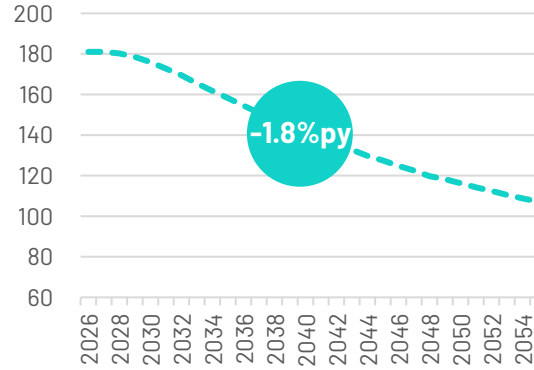
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LOW CASE



### Lithium dilution (mg/L)



### Parameters

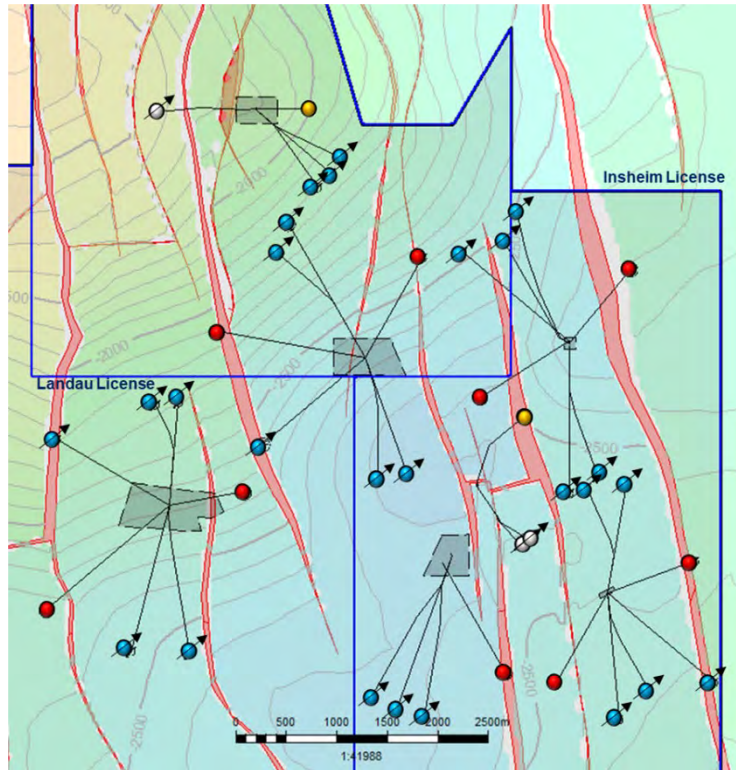
- **950 l/s** production target
- 24 new wells, 4 existing
- 11 producers (86l/s per producer)
- **Hybrid re-injection**
- Up to 70 bar pressure
- **20,000 tpy LHM production average**
- **7-year plateau at 23,900 tpy LHM**
- 595kt\* LHM production over project life

- **1,000l/s** production target
- 26 wells total
- 12 producers (79l/s per producer)
- **Matrix re-injection**
- Up to 100 bar pressure
- **22,200tpy LHM production average**
- **14-year plateau at 24,000 tpy LHM**
- 671kt\* LHM production over project life

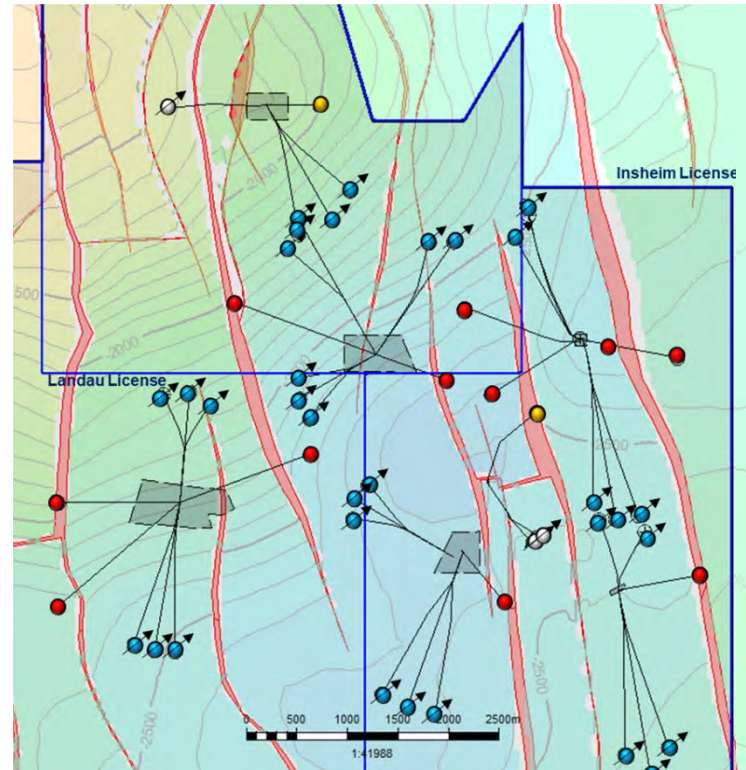
- **700 l/s** production target
- 23 wells total
- 11 producers (63l/s per producer)
- **Fault re-injection**
- Up to 45 bar pressure
- **12,000 tpy LHM production average**
- 235kt\* initial LHM production over project life
- 117kt\* additional production (total 352kt) contingent on CLP turndown \*CLP-outlet as reference point

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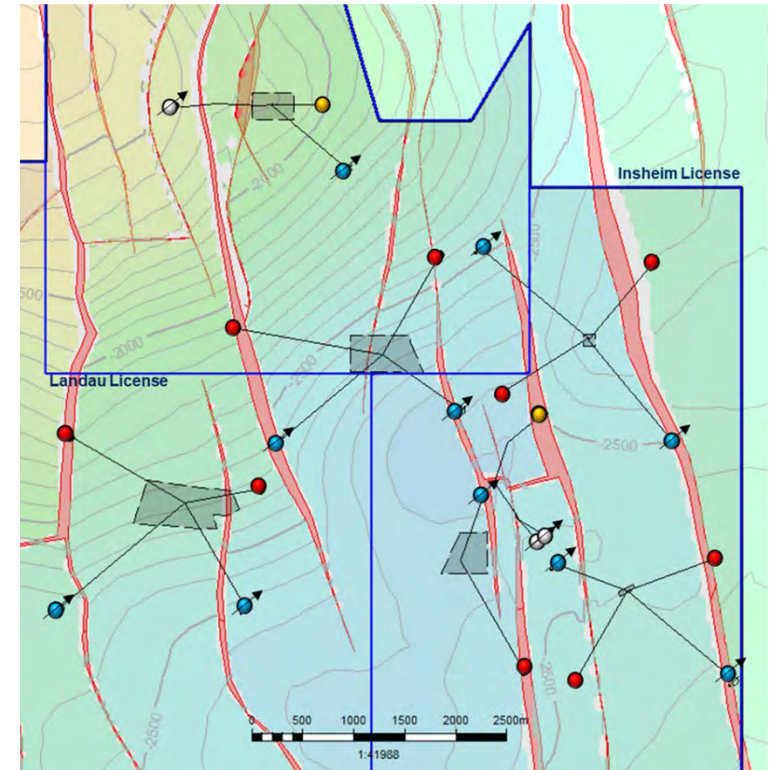
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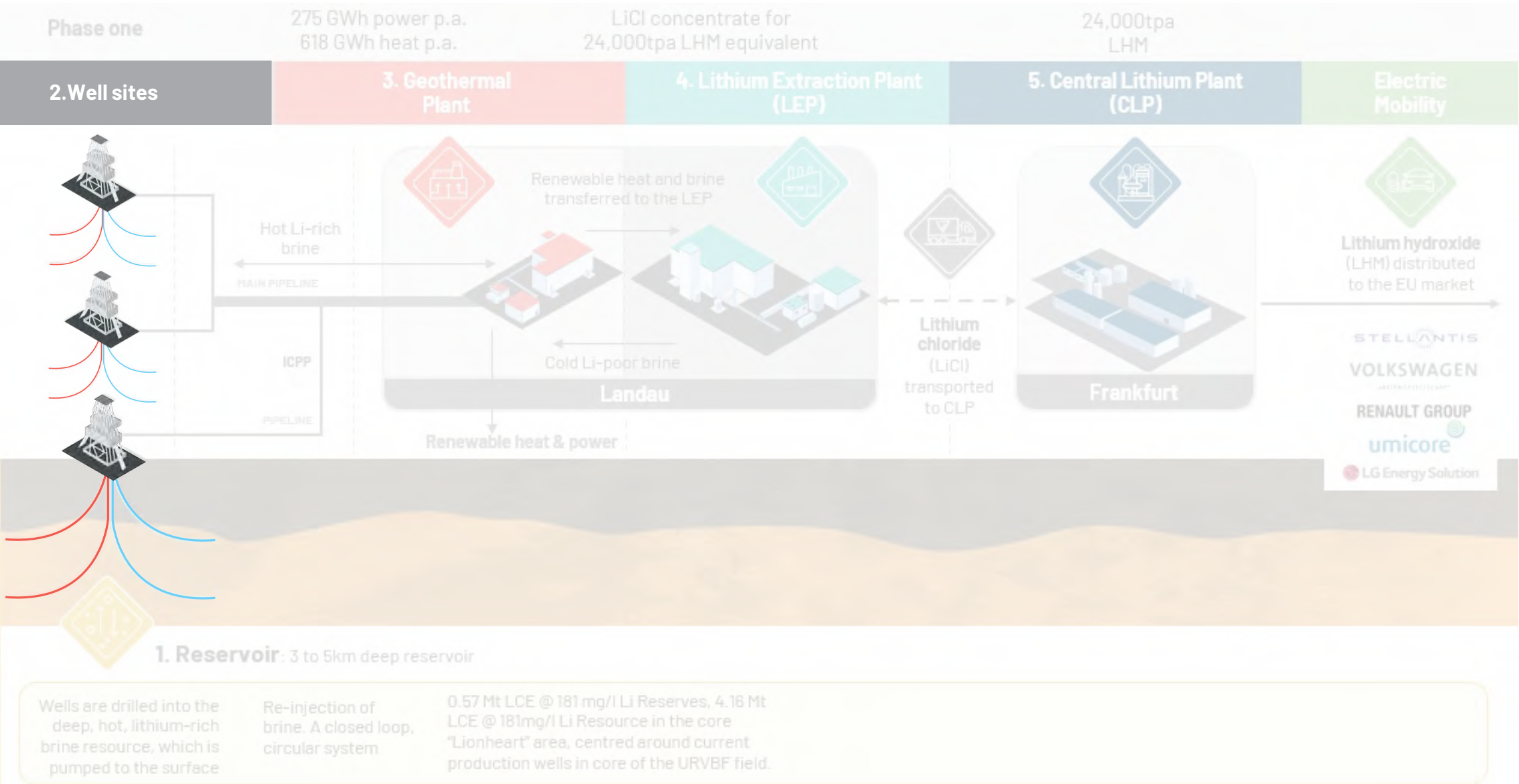
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Elevation depth [m]	
Yellow	-1350
Light Green	-1500
Green	-1650
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Teal	-1950
Blue-Teal	-2100
Blue	-2250
Dark Blue	-2400
Very Dark Blue	-2550
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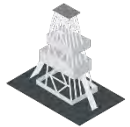


# 2. PRODUCING FROM THE BRINE RESOURCE VIA INTERCONNECTED WELL SITES

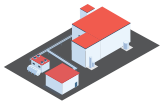


# PHASE ONE UPSTREAM-DOWNSTREAM PRODUCTION STRUCTURE

**Phase One:**  
expanding upstream capacity,  
building downstream.



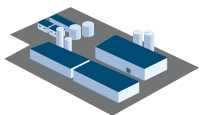
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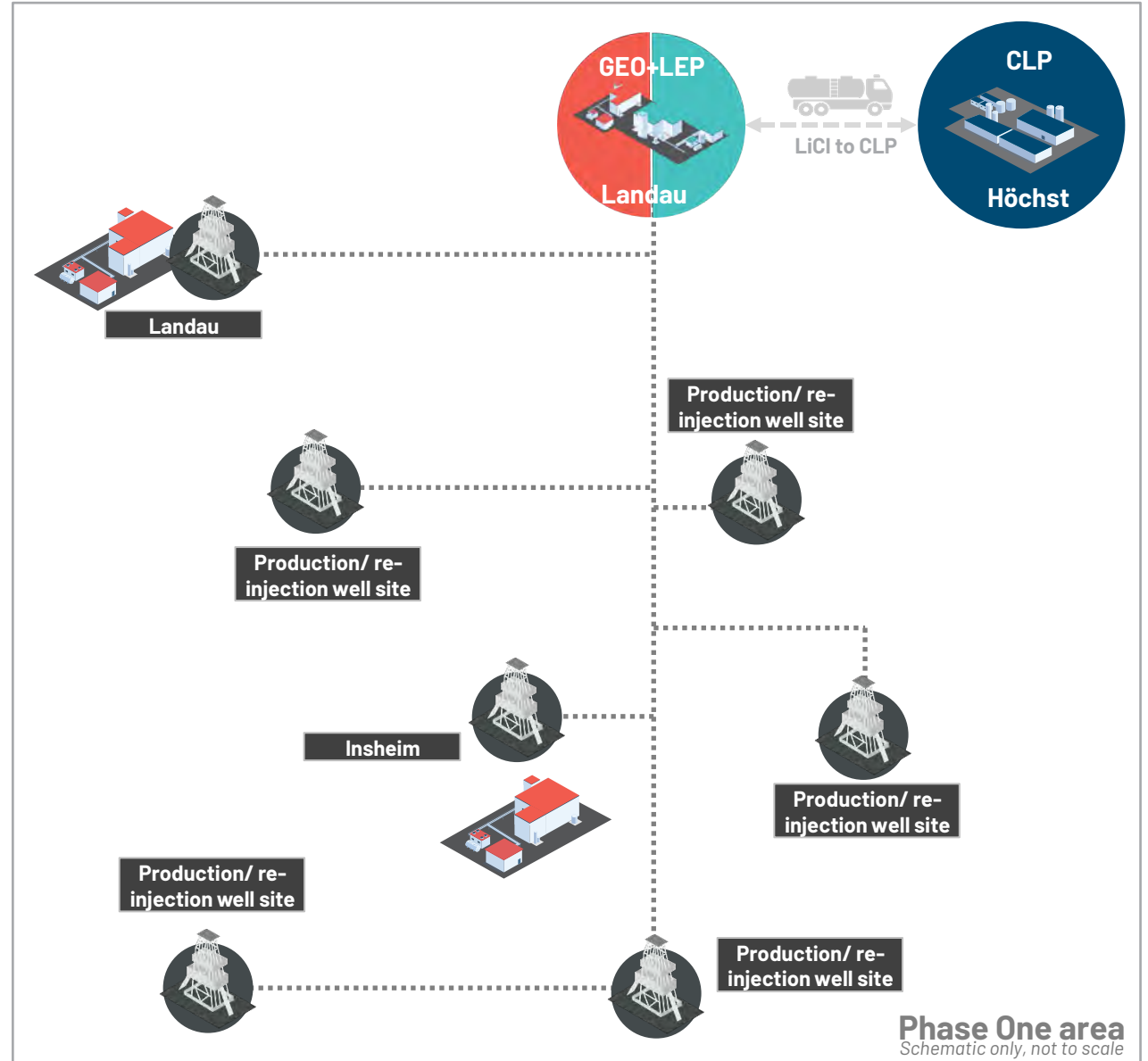
Building new, larger geothermal plant near existing one.



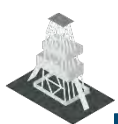
Building new Lithium Extraction Plant.



Building new Central Lithium Plant.







# INCREASING UPSTREAM BRINE PRODUCTION

## Well-known area

- >1,000 oil & gas and 24 deep geothermal wells already completed in the URVBF.
- In our Phase One project area, four deep geothermal wells have been in operation for more than 10 years.

## In-house expertise, team and assets

Vulcan has established its own in-house geothermal drilling company, **Vercana**, due to a high demand for geothermal renewable energy projects.

- Two electric rigs acquired in-house with refurbishment nearly complete
- Contract labour company acquired.

## Conservative approach

- Targeting brine production from sandstone only, where seismicity risks are very low, in line with industry best-practice.
- Using conservative flow rates estimates, with an average flow rate (85l/s), below demonstrated well performance in the area (>100l/s), leaving room for upside.
- Brownfield development, Vulcan is increasing the number of its existing production well sites from two to seven during Phase One project build.



# VERCANA

## IN-HOUSE WELL EXECUTION COMPANY

- Highly experienced and integrated well construction and operations team from oil and gas and geothermal industry.
- Full scale well delivery process capability: fully aligned towards VULCAN's field development plan.
- Experience in onshore operations, HPHT drilling, German regulatory requirements with a strong QHSE culture.

### **V10 and V20 Drill Rigs: Inhouse full electric drill rigs and teams**

- Full scale rig refurbishment nearly complete
- Hookload capability of up to 550 tonnes
- Drilling capability up to 10,000m
- Triple derrick system
- 3 mud mumps – up to 8,000LPM
- Solid controls equipment grade
- Skidding system for cluster well sites.

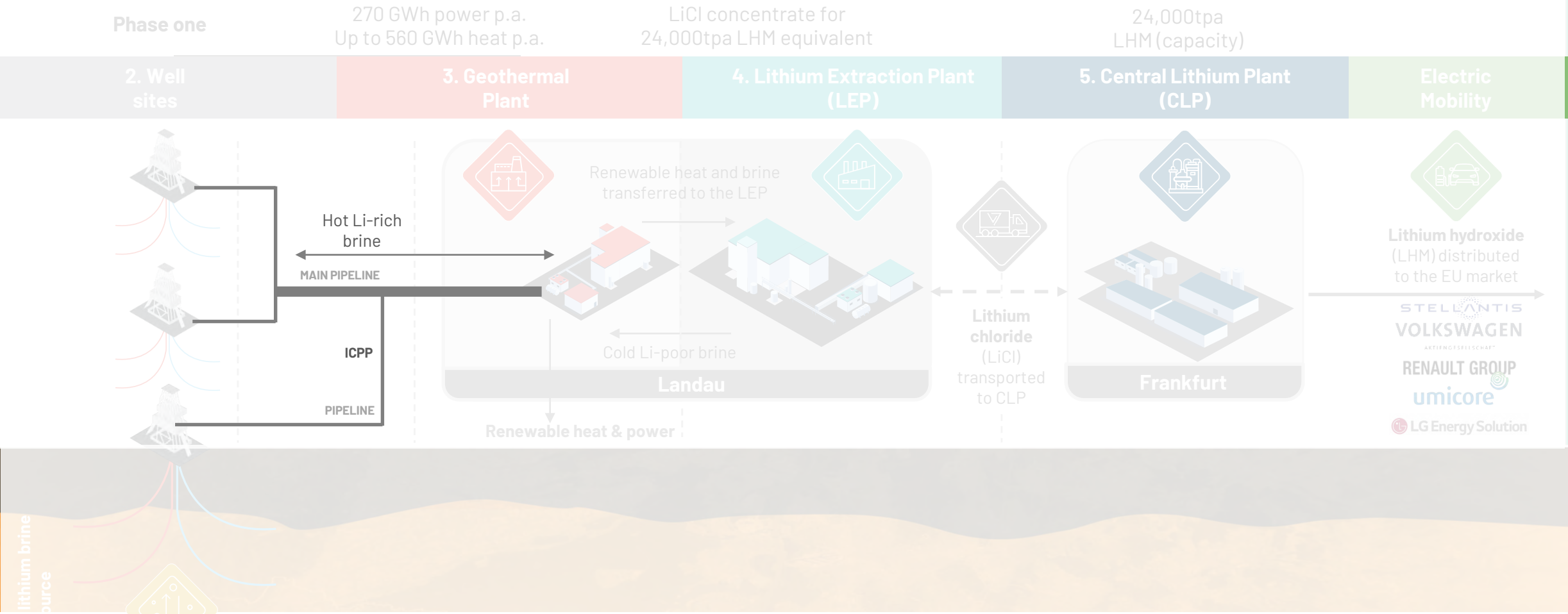




# ONGOING SITE ACTIVITIES



# CONNECTING THE HEAT AND LITHIUM TO THE G-LEP



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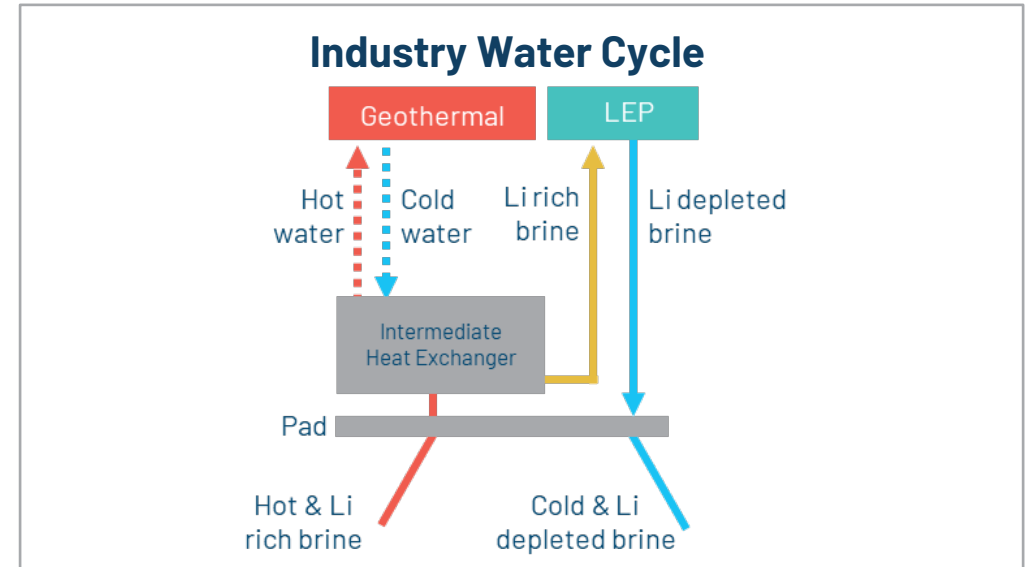
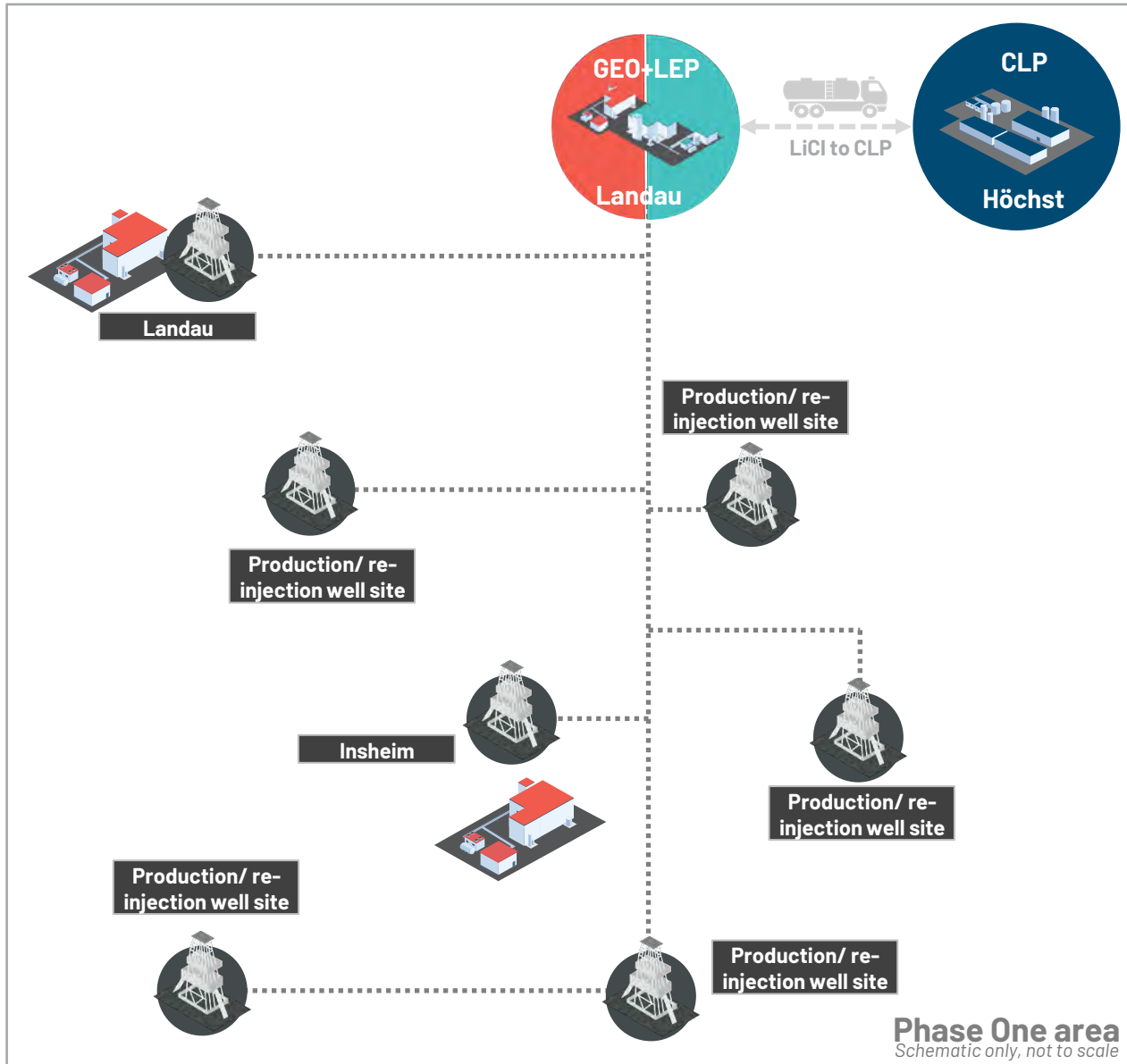
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# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE: INDUSTRIAL WATER & BRINE CYCLES



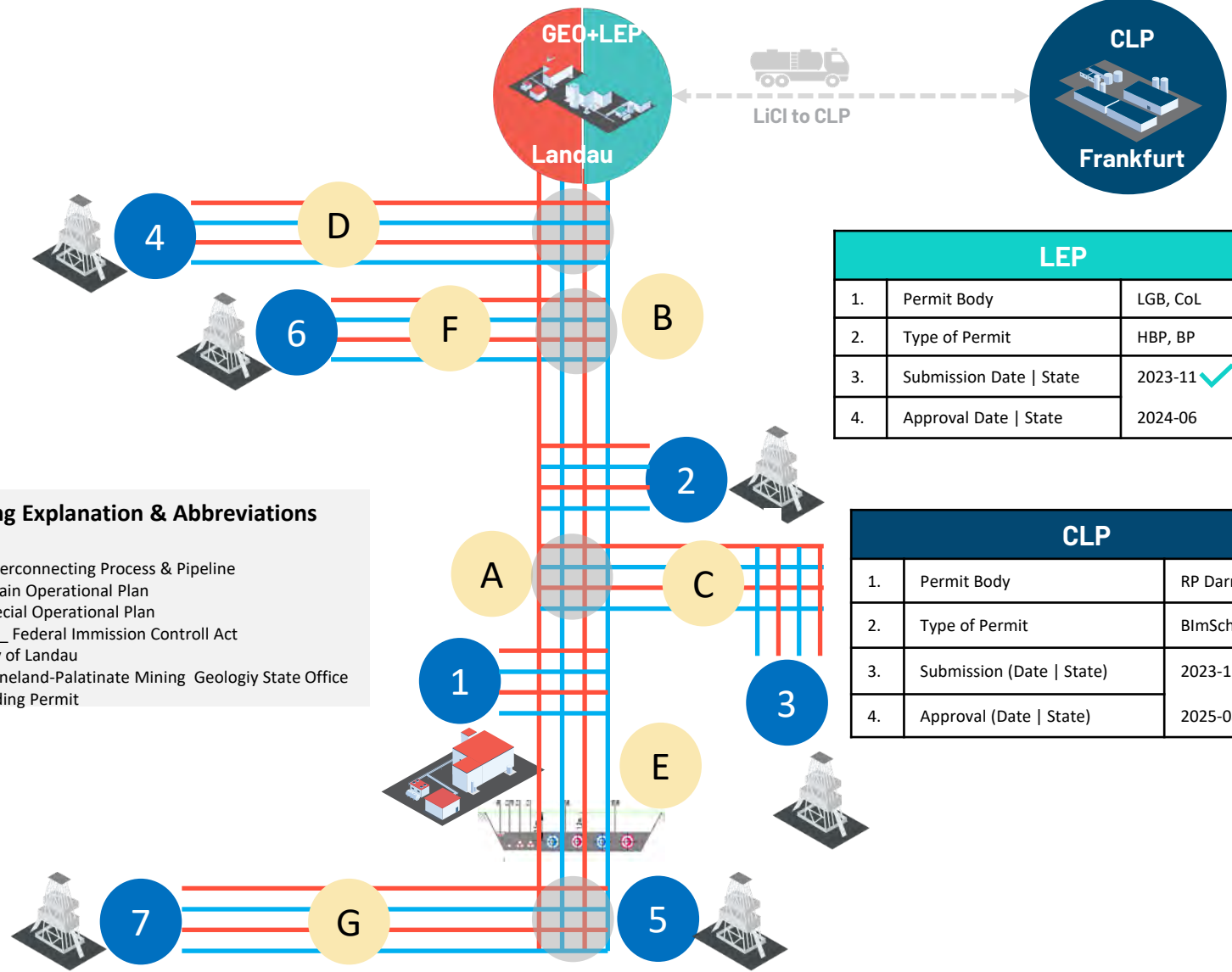
- Vulcan will use an **intermediate heat exchangers** at each well sites to **transfer the heat** from the geothermal brine into a closed loop industrial water cycle, which will send **hot water** by pipe to the district heating building and ORC facilities. Once the heat has been used at the district heating building and ORC, the then **cold water** is sent back to the heat exchanger.
- The **cooled Li-rich brine** is sent from the intermediate heat exchanger to the LEP for lithium extraction to occur and then the **Li-depleted brine** pumped back to the well site for injection into the reservoir.
- This approach has **major operational advantages**, mainly that the hot industrial water feeding the district heating and ORC system uses **clean water** and therefore there **is no risk of scaling**, and seeing as the **brine is cooled** at the intermediate heat exchanger then this **significantly reduces** the potential for scale in the pipeline and LEP.

# PHASE ONE - PERMITS EITHER ALREADY GRANTED OR ON TRACK WITH TIMELINE

		1. Permit Body	2. Permit Type & Approval Date		
			>P-EIA	>MOP	>SOP
WELL SITES	1 >> Existing wells 1	LGB	Existing ✓	2025-10	
	2 >> Well site 1		2023-02 ✓	2023-07 ✓	2023-10 ✓
	3 >> Well site 2		2023-11	2024-03	2024-06
	4 >> Existing wells 2		existing ✓	-	2025
	5 >> Well site 3		2023-02 ✓	2023-11	2024-02
	6 >> Well site 4		2025-04	2025-08	2025-08
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	C Section 4		2024-10	2025-02	-
	D Section 5		2024-10	2025-02	-
	F Section 6		2025-03	2025-07	-
	G Section 7		2025-07	2025-11	-

## Drawing Explanation & Abbreviations

ICPP \_ Interconnecting Process & Pipeline  
MOP \_ Main Operational Plan  
SOP \_ Special Operational Plan  
BImSchG \_ Federal Immission Control Act  
CoL \_ City of Landau  
LGB \_ Rhineland-Palatinate Mining Geology State Office  
BP \_ Building Permit



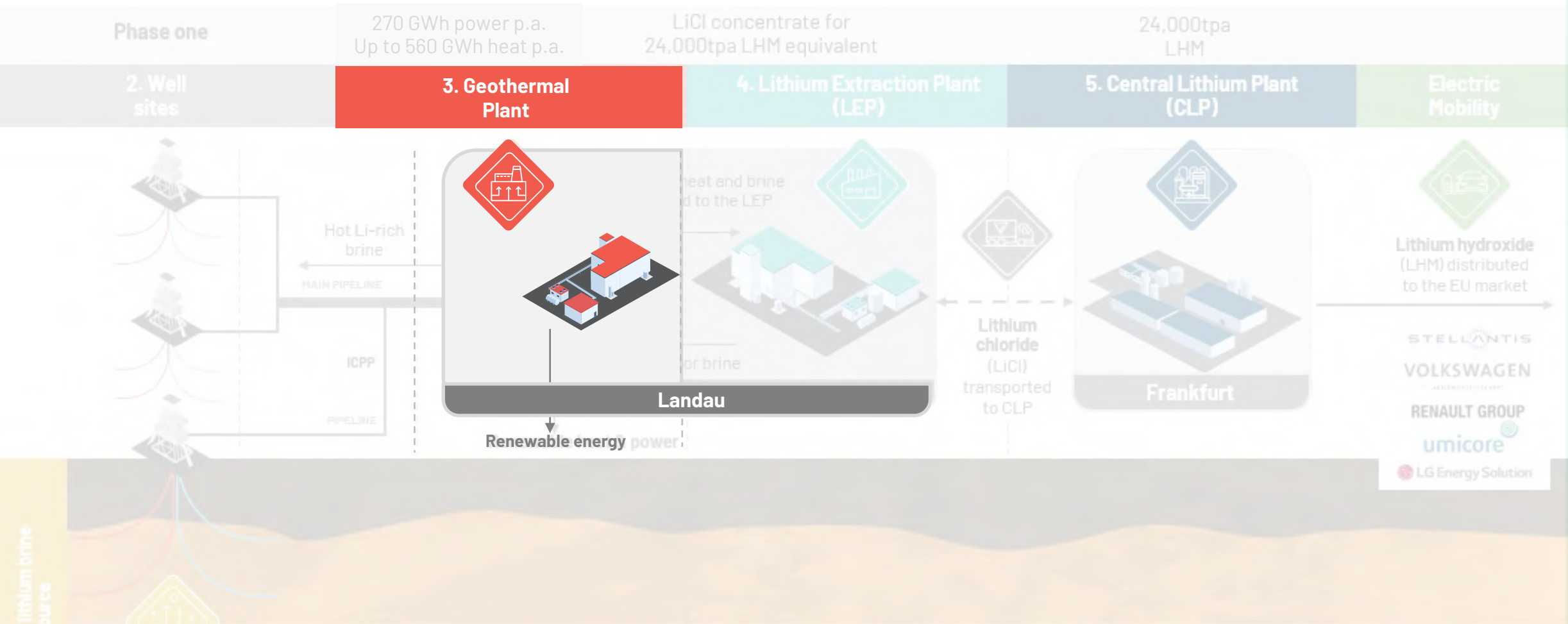
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2.	Type of Permit	BP (BImSchG)
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2.	Type of Permit	HBP, BP
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1.	Permit Body	RP Darmstadt
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# 3. HARVESTING RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM THE BRINE



## 1. Reservoir: 3 to 5km deep reservoir

Geothermal and lithium brine field resource

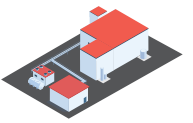
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0.57 Mt LCE @ 181 mg/l Li Reserves, 4.16 Mt LCE @ 181mg/l Li Resource in the core "Lionheart" area, centred around current production wells in core of the URVBF field.



# INCREASING OUR CURRENT RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION



## Long established industry with strong growth

- Geothermal energy: 16GW of power & 107GW of heat capacity deployed worldwide<sup>1</sup>.
- There are currently 36 geothermal plants operating in Germany, 42 active projects (c. 84 wells), and the Federal Government is targeting to reach new 100 projects by 2030<sup>2</sup>.
- Vulcan owns an existing geothermal renewable energy plant with over 10 years of successful production.
- This plant is supplying ~6,500 households with renewable power.
- Extensive operational experience in-house.
- Plants are simple and “off the shelf” from vendors.

## With more wells comes more geothermal renewable energy

Phase One will utilise Vulcan’s existing operational capacity, and increase geothermal renewable energy production by an estimated:

- Insheim: 4.2MW power capacity.
- Additional total planned energy generation capacity: 27.5 MW power capacity.
- Annual target renewable energy generation: 560 GWh/a heat, 270 GWh/a power.

<sup>1</sup>[Global geothermal market and technology assessment \(irena.org\);](https://www.irena.org/)

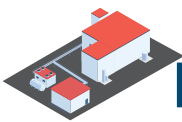
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# CURRENT GEOTHERMAL ASSETS





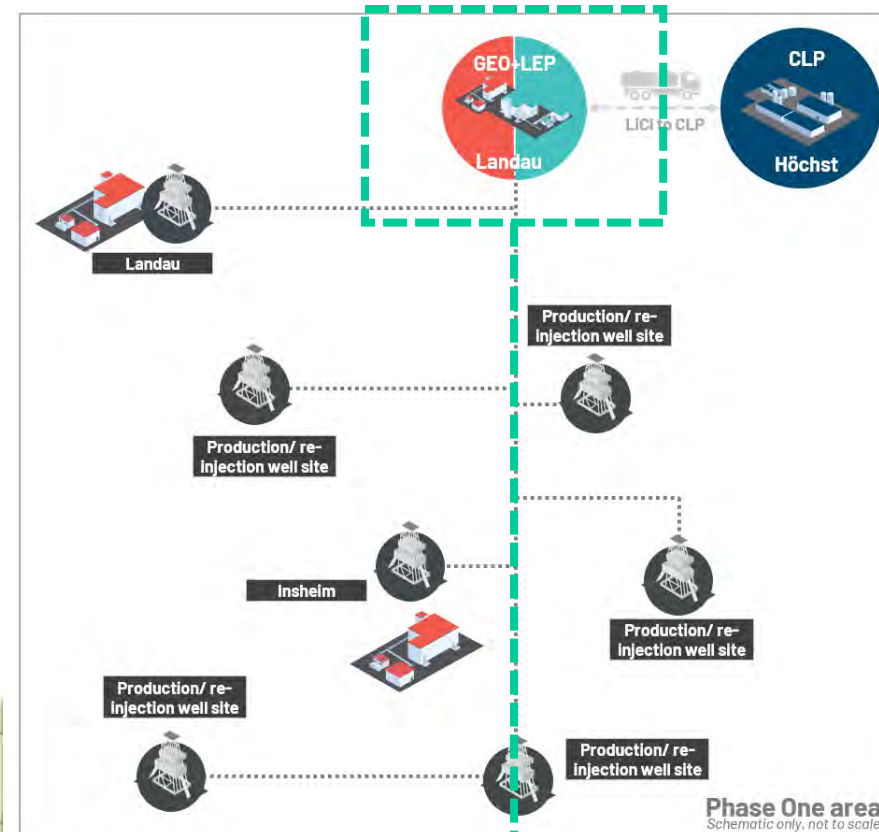
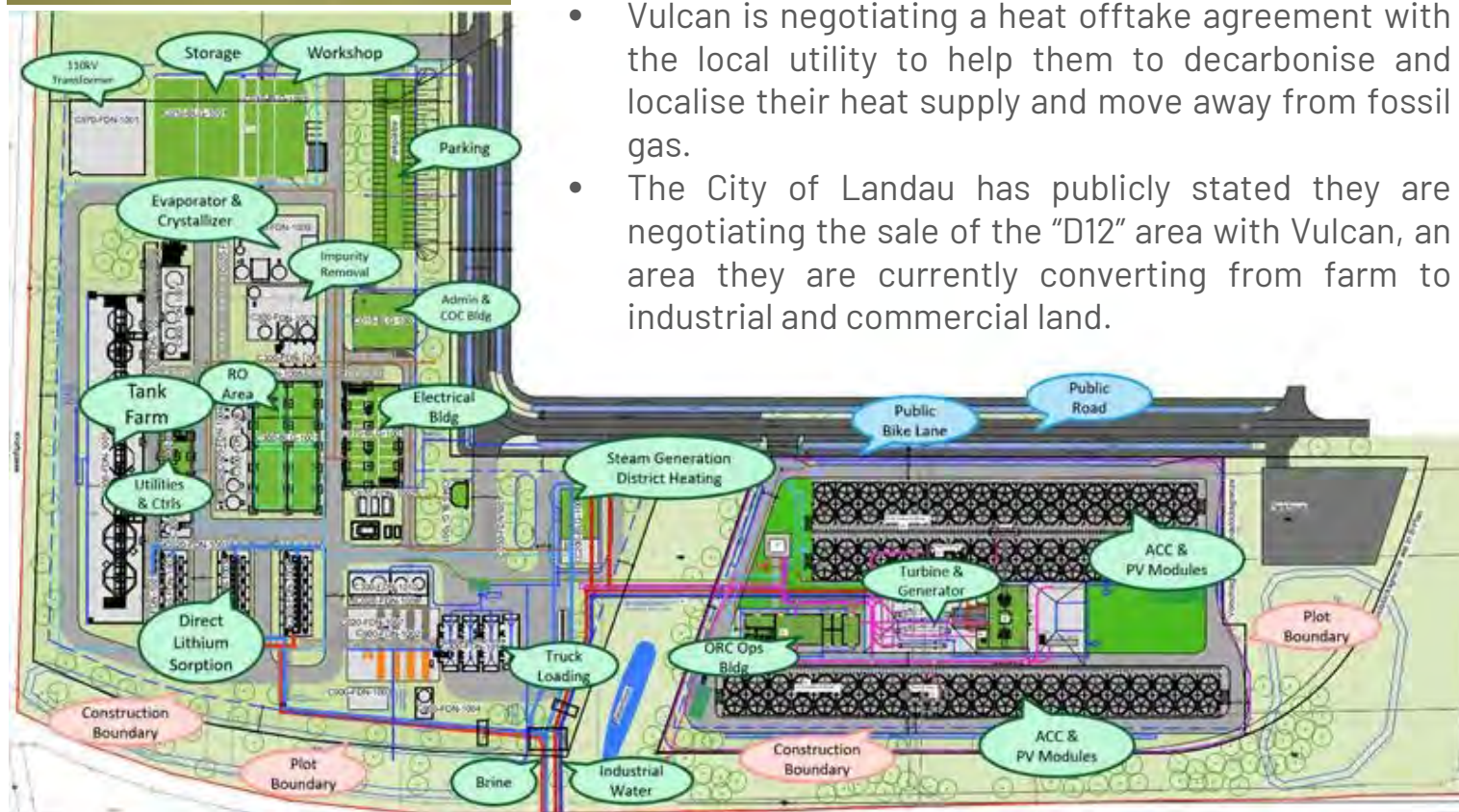


# RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANT TO BE BUILT IN LANDAU INDUSTRIAL PARK



## Geothermal renewable energy plant to be built to supply the local community

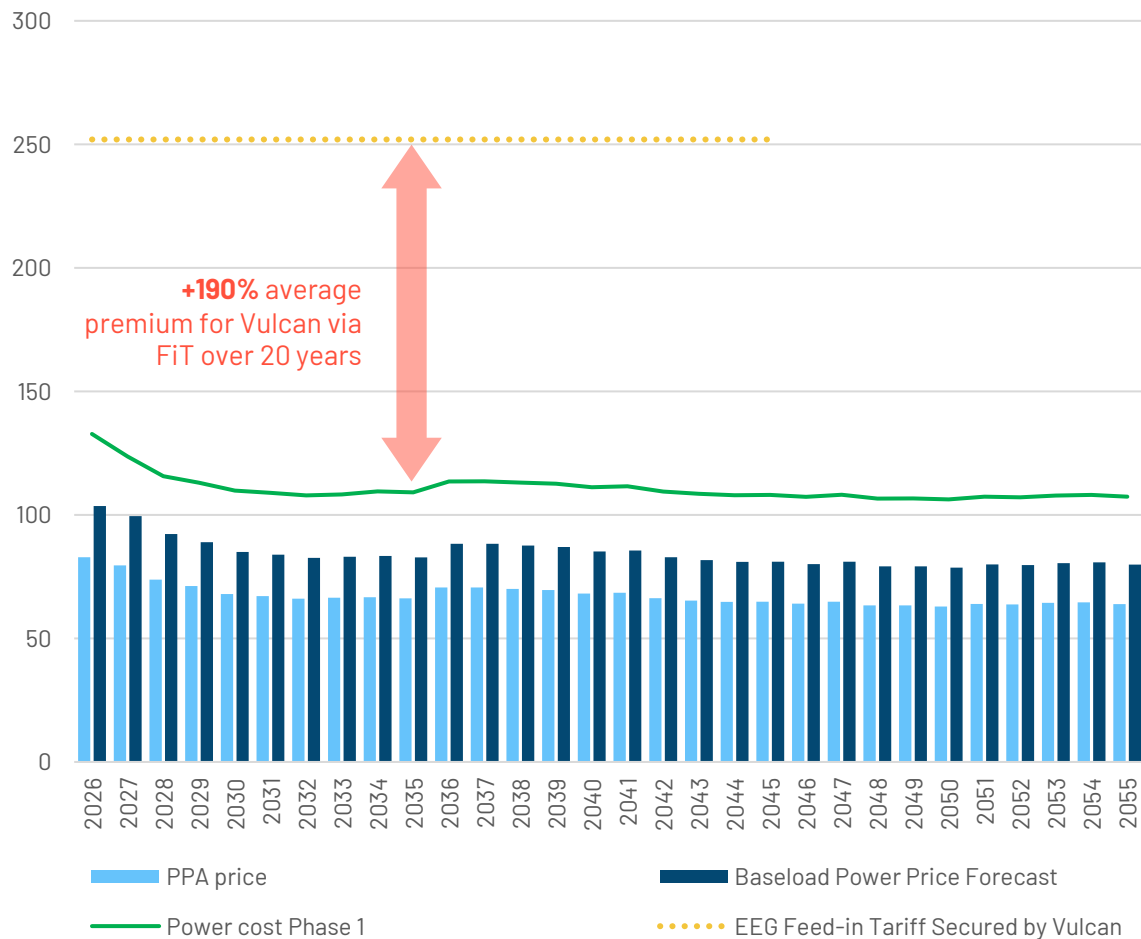
- Initially planned to produce mostly power, Vulcan's new geothermal plant will increase district heat production over time for local communities.
- Vulcan is negotiating a heat offtake agreement with the local utility to help them to decarbonise and localise their heat supply and move away from fossil gas.
- The City of Landau has publicly stated they are negotiating the sale of the "D12" area with Vulcan, an area they are currently converting from farm to industrial and commercial land.





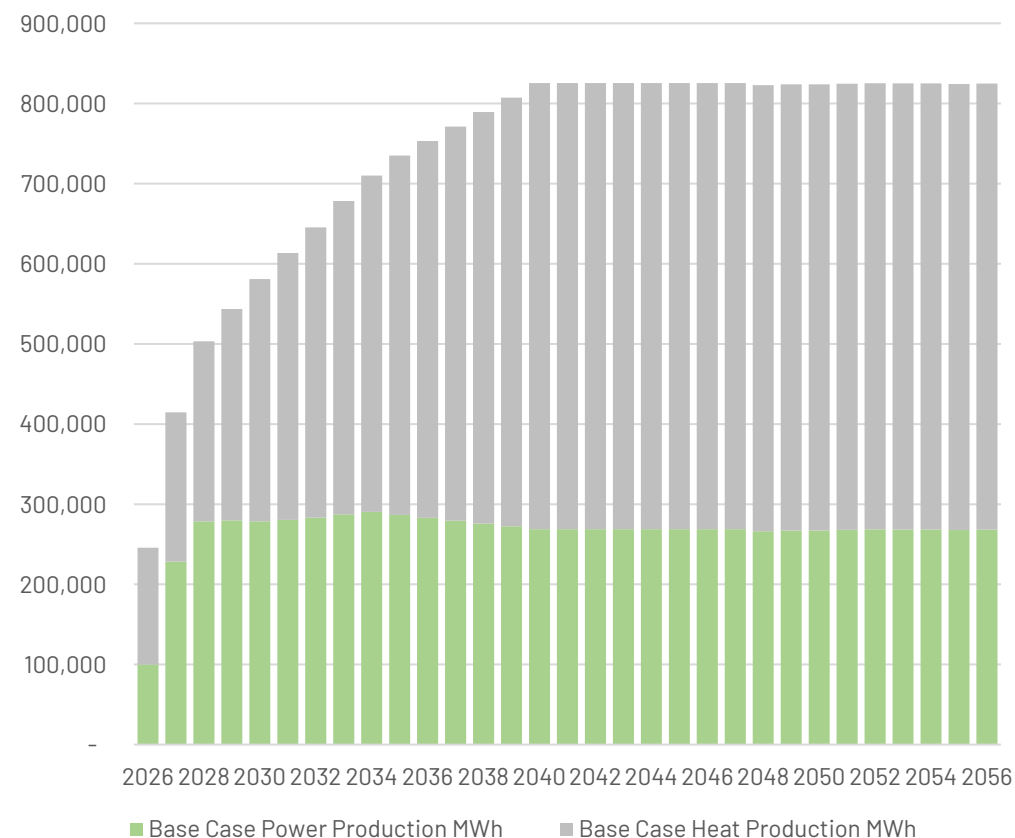
# RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION TARGET AND TARIFF

## Power price forecast - (€/MWh, Germany)



Source: Aurora Energy Research

## Energy production (MWh/a) \*

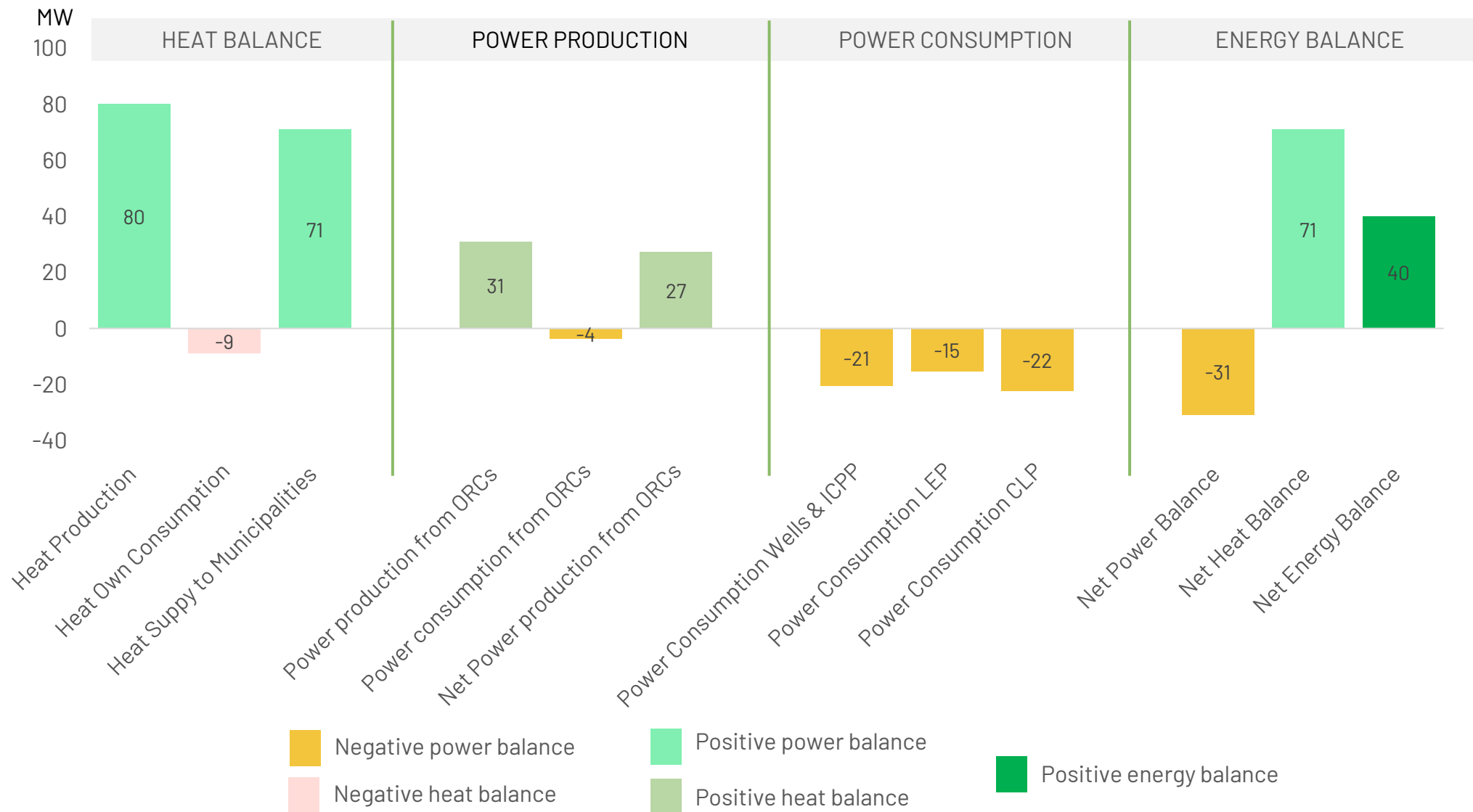


\*Heat offtakes in advanced negotiations with local municipalities. Shown production and timeline is a target, and should be treated with caution

# ENERGY BALANCE: NET POSITIVE PRODUCER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY<sup>1</sup>

A world-first in lithium

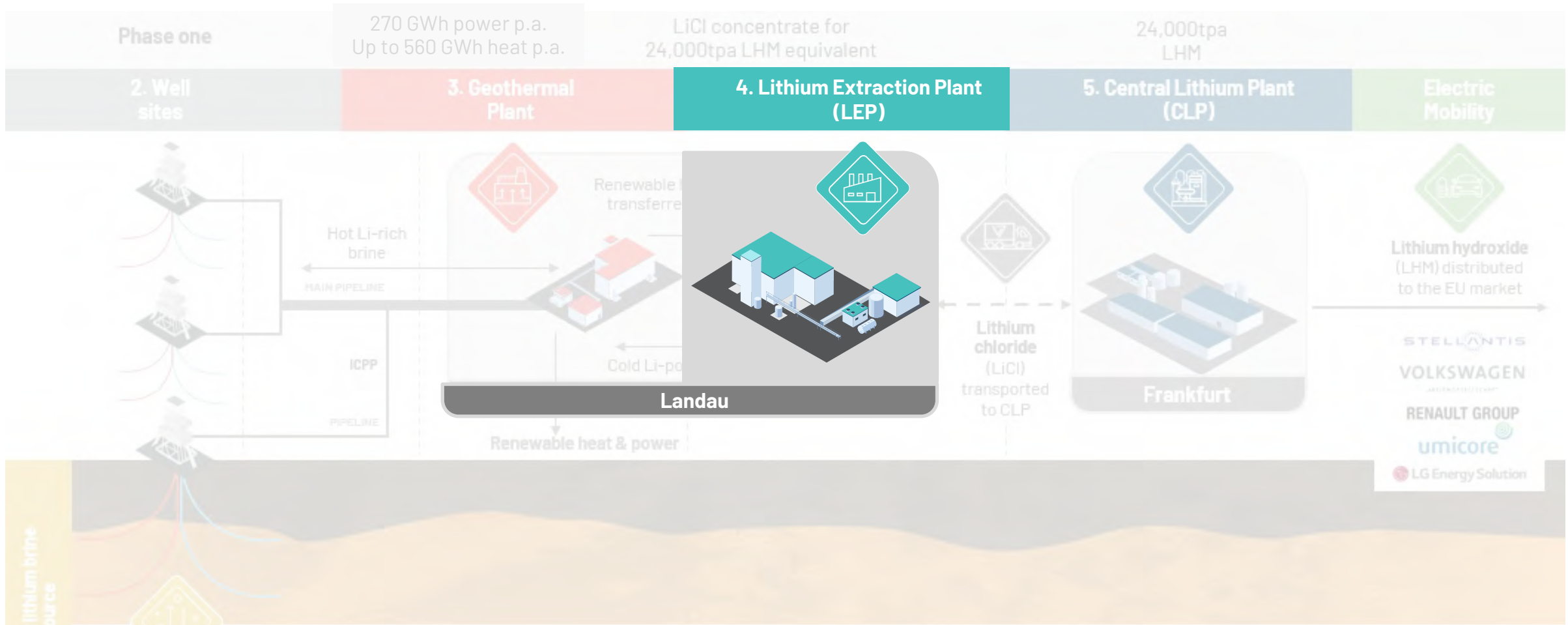
Energy Balance (MW)



<sup>1</sup>Vulcan's Phase One is a net consumer of power, and a net producer of heat. The overall positive energy balance is a net effect of these two different types of energy.



# 4. ADDING FURTHER VALUE BY PRODUCING LITHIUM



Geothermal and lithium brine field resource

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# GLOBAL LITHIUM SUPPLY TODAY

**60%**  
global  
lithium  
production



## Hard rock mining

Sourcing lithium hydroxide from hard rock mines for lithium currently has a high CO<sub>2</sub> footprint. Once you mine it, the rock must be roasted with fossil fuels and using large volume of sulphuric acid to produce lithium hydroxide.

**30%**  
global  
lithium  
production



## Brines: Reagent and evaporation pond usage *Use reagents to remove impurities from the brine*

Lithium extraction from brines evaporates large quantities of water in some of the driest places on earth. It also has a significant CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, through large use of chemical reagents.

**10%**  
global  
lithium  
production



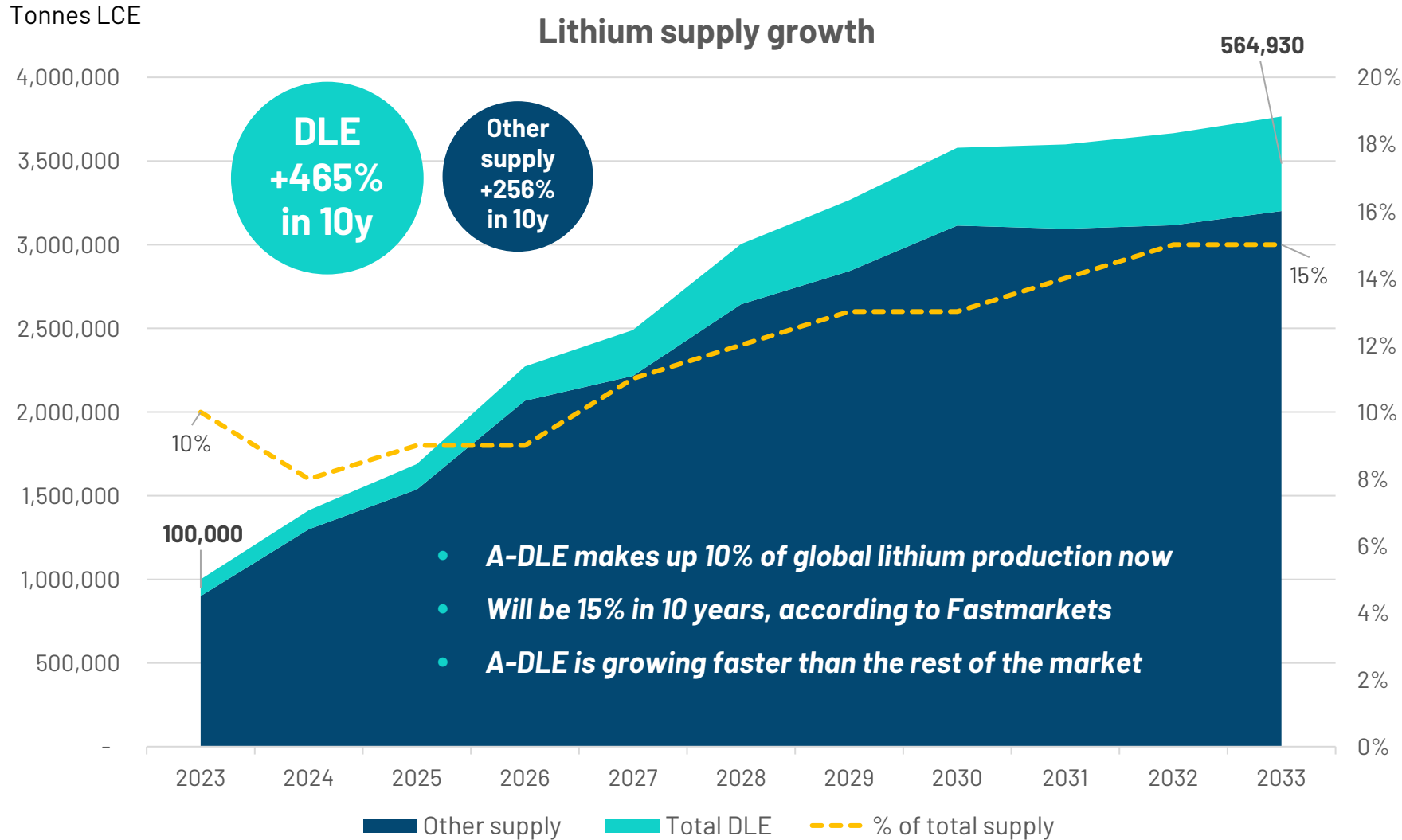
## Brines: Adsorption-type Direct Lithium Extraction (A-DLE) *Extract only the lithium from the brine, leave everything else in it*

Low or net zero CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, depending on how the brine is heated. Very low reagent usage in A-DLE process. Low water usage if recycling systems are built into process.





# COMMERCIAL GROWTH OF DLE



Source: Fastmarkets

**Fastmarkets**

Fastmarkets is one of the most trusted cross-commodity price reporting agency (PRA) in the agriculture, forest products, metals and mining, and new generation energy markets.



# ADVANTAGES OF ADSORPTION-TYPE DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION (A-DLE)

## Track record

- ✓ Global, multi-decade commercial precedent in the lithium industry.

## Low operating cost

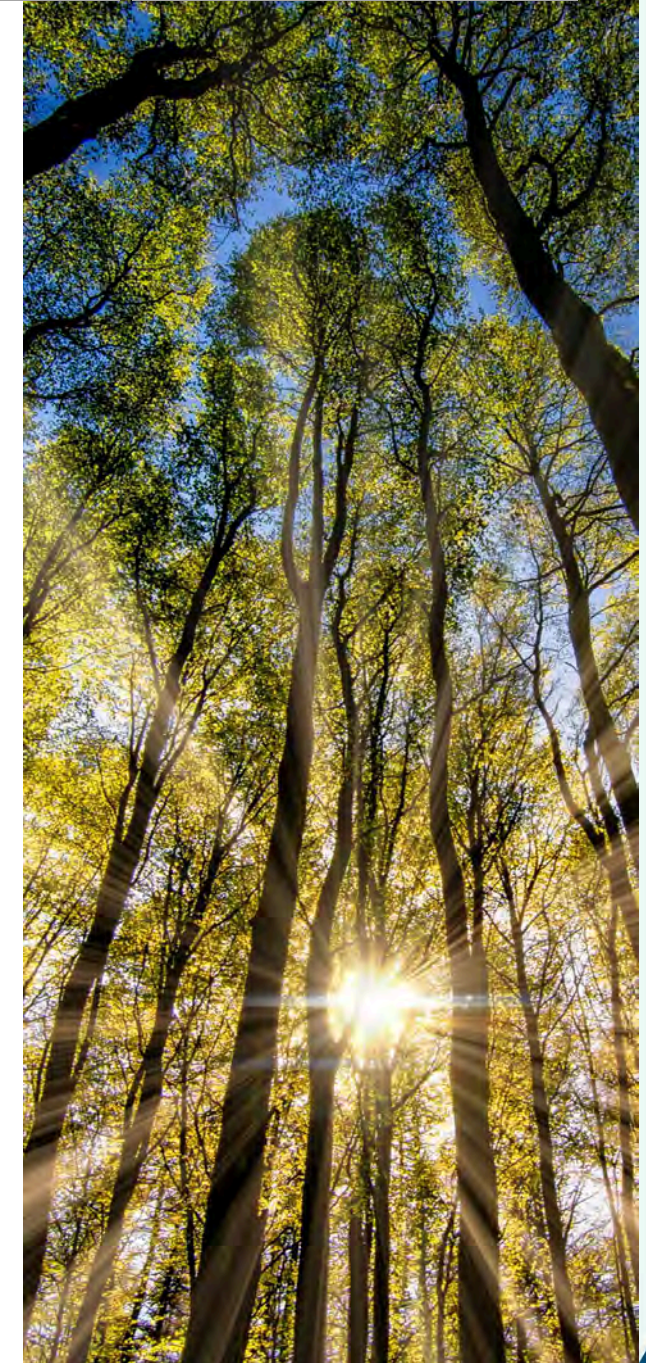
- ✓ Water is used to recover the lithium from the sorbent – no acid requirement means lower operating cost and less waste.
- ✓ Requires heat to work, so lowers operating cost and saves energy when applied to naturally heated sub-surface brines.

## Reduces environmental impact

- ✓ Highly selective for Li with >90% extraction efficiency, reduces or removes the need for legacy-method large scale evaporation ponds.
- ✓ Salinity/heat and water driven process, reduces/removes the need for large quantities of chemical reagents used in legacy lithium production methods.

## Product quality

- ✓ Produces very pure product relative to hard rock and evaporative lithium, an advantage in the battery electric vehicle industry, which has very high product quality standards.





# A WAVE OF SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM SUPPLY IS BUILDING...

## THE "NEW NORMAL"

### A-DLE used commercially to produce lithium since 1996, rapidly increasing production

- ✓ **Livent**, formerly FMC, and a global Top 3 lithium producer, has used A-DLE in its commercial lithium operations in Argentina for >25 years. Now increasing production by over 400%.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Growth of five new Chinese producers in late 2010s, when lithium market started to grow linked to EVs: **Lanke Lithium**, **Zangge Mining**, **Jintai Lithium**, **Minmetals Salt Lake**, **Jwell New Materials**.

### New players entering the market in '24-'26, including from the mining industry

- ✓ French company **Eramet** (market capitalisation ~ EUR 2.5 billion) is commissioning an adsorption-type DLE project in Argentina for a 24,000 tpa LCE capacity, using a proprietary alumina-based adsorbent. The first tonnes of production are slated for 2024.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ In Europe, dual Australian and Frankfurt-listed **Vulcan Energy** has been developing its Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project since 2018 and is now ready to move into the execution phase, using its own, proprietary alumina-based adsorbent. Targeting start of production by H2 2026, with 24,000 tpa LHM capacity for Phase One.<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ US company **Compass Minerals** (market cap ~ US\$1.6 billion), using Energysource Minerals' adsorbent, backed by Koch Industries.<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Australian company **Rio Tinto** (market capitalisation ~ A\$167 billion) moving into the construction phase of a lithium adsorption project in Argentina, Rincon, using a proprietary adsorbent, having conducted pilot testwork since acquiring the project in 2022 for US\$825m.<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ **SQM** announced that it plans to spend \$1.5 billion on desalination and DLE to improve lithium production in Chile. The project would help increase lithium production capacity by more than 60% from 2021 levels, the company says.<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ **Albemarle** has also announced that it is entering the DLE space, starting in Arkansas from existing bromine operations.<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1</sup>[[https://livent.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Livent\\_2022\\_SustainabilityReport\\_English.pdf](https://livent.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Livent_2022_SustainabilityReport_English.pdf)] Market capitalization is calculated as ~4.1B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>2</sup>[<https://www.eramet.com/en/eramet-world-class-lithium-production-project>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~2.2B € at 09/08/2023

<sup>3</sup>[<https://www.investi.com.au/api/announcements/vul/e617fca6-6d4.pdf>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~660m A\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>4</sup>[<https://www.compassminerals.com/what-we-do/lithium>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 1.59B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>5</sup>[<https://www.riotinto.com/news/releases/2022/Rio-Tinto-completes-acquisition-of-Rincon-lithium-project>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~162.36B A\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>6</sup>[<https://cen.acs.org/energy/energy-storage-/Lithium-firms-hope-direct-extraction/100/web/2022/12>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 18.9B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>7</sup>[<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/albemarle-jumps-into-global-race-reinvent-lithium-production-2023-08-03/>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~ 22.96B US\$ at 09/08/2023

## ...NOW WITH THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY BEHIND IT

### The next wave: Big Oil into Big Lithium

- ✓ Adsorption-type DLE has synergies with and similarities to integrated oil and gas projects, including piping networks, "upstream" and "downstream" integration. Notable trend of oil and gas majors starting to invest in the space.
- ✓ **Exxon Mobil Corp** (MC: US\$ 431 billion), has recently announced it will start its first A-DLE plant, building a first phase 10,000 metric tonnes per year of lithium in Arkansas by 2026 with partner Tetra Technologies in what has been labeled "Project Evergreen."<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ **Koch Industries** (private, revenue US\$115 billion) invested US\$252m into adsorption-type DLE with Compass Minerals International (CMP.N)(offtake w/ Ford).<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ **Occidental Petroleum Corp** (market capitalisation US\$57 billion) has also entered the space, having acquired adsorption-type DLE technology.<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ **SLB**, formerly **Schlumberger** (market capitalisation US\$82 billion), is expanding into adsorption-type DLE in Nevada. "The fact that you can have a completely domestic brine resource that is now economic is an enormous driver for DLE."<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ **Chevron Corp** (market capitalisation US\$295 billion) has also just announced it is exploring opportunities to enter the space, noting that "extracting lithium fits with the "core capabilities" of a company like Chevron that has deep experience producing oil and gas."<sup>5</sup>






<sup>1</sup><https://www.energyintel.com/00000189-9db8-d6e5-adab-9dbc9caa0000>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~431B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>2</sup><https://www.mining-technology.com/news/compass-koch-lithium/>] private, revenue 2022 115B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ft.com/content/7616a9f4-e0db-4d61-b189-9e81ddd8137b>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~56.4B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>4</sup><https://www.slb.com/news-and-insights/newsroom/press-release/2021/pr-2021-0318-sne-lithium-extraction-plant-nevada>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~83.2B US\$ at 09/08/2023

<sup>5</sup><https://www.mining.com/web/chevron-considers-lithium-production-in-latest-ev-bet-by-big-oil/>] Market capitalization is calculated as ~305.5B US\$ at 09/08/2023



# COMMERCIAL GROWTH OF ADSORPTION-TYPE DLE<sup>1</sup>

## A WAVE OF SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM SUPPLY IS BUILDING

LCE  
t/p.a.

500,000

250,000

100,000

1970s

1990s

2010

2020

2030

A-DLE accounts for 10% of global lithium production today

Vulcan (EU) targeting phased ramp up of Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project

Multiple new commercial projects built in late 2010s in Qinghai province, China

New DLE entrants from O&G and mining industries



Invention of aluminate-based adsorbent for Direct Lithium Extraction by Dow (now Dupont): 1970s



Start of commercial use of adsorption-type DLE by FMC (now Livent) in Argentina: 1996



Livent starts to build increased DLE capacity, announces two further phases



Eramet and Rio Tinto are in construction and will start producing from DLE shortly



ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ PROJECT

<sup>1</sup>This graph is intended to illustrate the increasing commercial usage of DLE worldwide. The data is taken from the public sources referenced in slide 58 and no warranty is given for the correctness of the data. The future data is subject to change at any time due to external factors and should be read, mutatis mutandis, with the forward-looking statements disclaimer.

# EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL A-DLE PLANTS



ARGENTINA - LIVENT HOMBRE MUERTO DLE PLANT -30,000 TPA LCE



CHINA - EVE BATTERY 10,000 TPA LCE COMMERCIAL PLANT BUILT WITH SUNRESIN



ARGENTINA - ERAMET CENTENARIO-RATONES DLE PLANT -24,000 TPA LCE (2024)



CHINA - ZANGGE MINERAL 10,000 TPA LCE



# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADSORPTION-TYPE DIRECT LITHIUM EXTRACTION (A-DLE) AND NOVEL, NON-COMMERCIAL DLE METHODS

DLE method	Material	Main advantages	Main disadvantages
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## IN COMMERCIAL USE FOR >25 YEARS, EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN PRODUCTION



Adsorption-type Direct Lithium Extraction (A-DLE)	LiCl·2Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> , nH <sub>2</sub> O Many form factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global and multi-decade commercial precedent</li> <li>Water is used to recover the lithium from the sorbent - no chemical reagents required</li> <li>No acid requirement means long sorbent life</li> <li>Highly selective for Li with &gt;90% extraction efficiency</li> <li>Works well with heated brines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually requires temperatures &gt; 50 °C (not a disadvantage if brine, e.g., from geothermal plants, is already hot)</li> <li>Lower eluate LiCl concentration than IX, requires more reverse osmosis to separate and recycle water</li> </ul>
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## STILL IN DEVELOPMENT/R&D PHASE



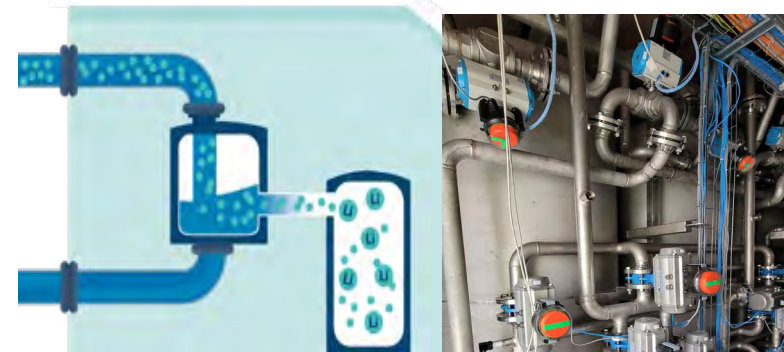
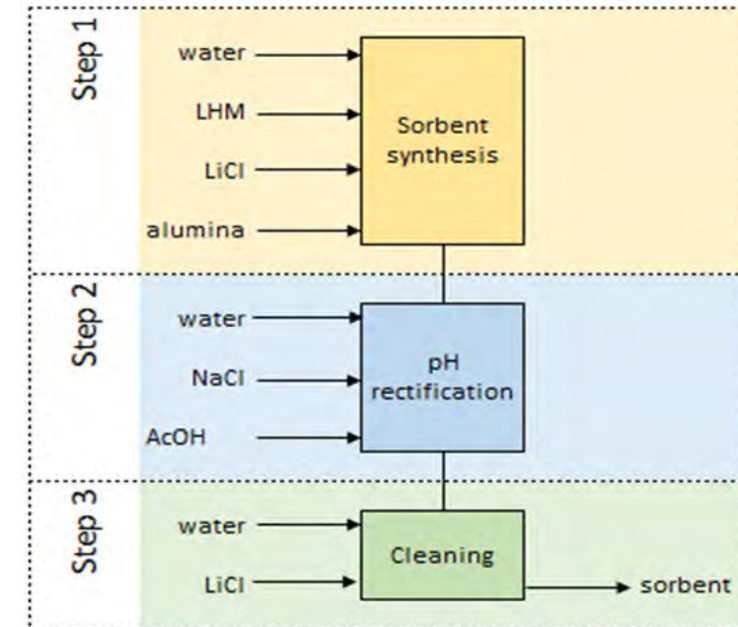
Ion Exchange (IX)	LiMnO <sub>x</sub> LiFePO <sub>4</sub> Li <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High capacity and therefore high concentration of Li in the eluate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs large amounts of base and acid to work, increases OPEX and waste formation</li> <li>Some IX materials are attacked during desorption. Degrade in acidic conditions</li> </ul>
Solvent Extraction	Organic solvents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High concentrations of lithium can be achieved in the extraction solution. Continuous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic solvents are environmentally challenging</li> <li>Fire risk with high temperature brines</li> <li>Expensive relative to other technologies, potentially larger CAPEX for first fill</li> </ul>
Membranes	MOFs, IX or LiCl·2Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> in polymers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No contact between brine and extractant, fewer impurities and continuous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In their technological infancy, fouling, lack of stability in geothermal brines. Pretreatment required</li> </ul>

# VULSORB® - VULCAN'S PROPRIETARY SORBENT FOR A-DLE OPERATION



## In-house A-DLE intellectual property

- In the past, Vulcan tested a series of commercially available sorbents, which all worked well with our brine.
- Based on test results achieved, the development team decided to use a sorbent with lithium aluminate intercalate structure for Vulcan's A-DLE process.
- To achieve better optimisation, create IP value in-house and control over its process and supply chain, Vulcan has developed its own proprietary sorbent, **VULSORB®**, which is synthesised via a scalable 3-step process.
- **VULSORB®** belongs to a lithium extraction adsorbent family that has been used by different companies in multiple commercial production assets over the past 25 years.
- Based on Vulcan's test work on its Upper Rhine Valley brine, **VULSORB®** offers higher lithium extraction capacity than other sorbents.\*
- **VULSORB®** can be used with other brines, both in Europe and globally.
- In addition, Vulcan has built up extensive application and analytical know-how for the use of **VULSORB®** in the A-DLE process.



\*based on test work carried out by Vulcan Labs and Vulcan's pilot plants



# OUR ACTIVITIES TO DE-RISK A-DLE ON UPPER RHINE VALLEY BRINE

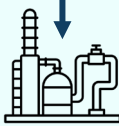
Standard approach for applying known metals extraction process to a mineral source



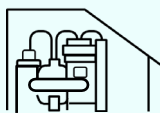
Technology selected



Applicability to geochemistry confirmed in laboratory



Engineering parameters determined and optimised using pilot-scale processing test work. Feasibility study.



Commercial plant built and operation

✓ VULSORB® developed

✓ PP1: 1000 **non-stop cycles** with VULSORB®

✓ P1A: 2000 **non-stop cycles** with VULSORB® at brine pressure

- ✓ Technology selected in scoping work 2018-2020.
- ✓ **3 years** of in-house **laboratory testwork** successfully completed '21-'23.
- ✓ Technology de-risked on Vulcan's brine chemistry (i.e., salinity, Li content, chemical composition, temperature) in "**live**" **environment** at multiple producing well sites.
- ✓ **Pilot Plant PP1** is operational since spring '21. Lithium hydroxide "better than battery grade" already produced.
- ✓ **5000+ cycles in 2 ½ years** of stable, continuous operation.
- ✓ Larger **Pilot Plant P1A** in operation since fall '22, with total **2000+ cycles** of operation.
- ✓ Data from pilot plants used to optimise and complete engineering design for Definitive Feasibility Study and Bridging Engineering Study.

**Ready to move into execution, construction and operation of commercial plant**

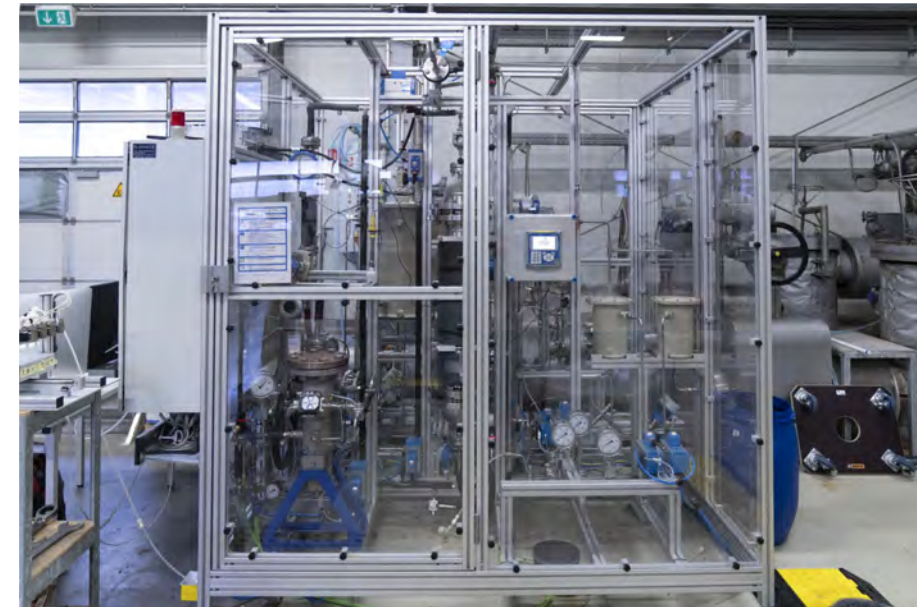


# VULCAN'S PILOT PLANTS PP1 AND P1A AT GEOTHERMAL PLANT IN INSHEIM HAVE ENABLED EXTENSIVE OPTIMISATION WITH REAL "LIVE" BRINE



## Pilot Plant PP1

- Column volume 1 L
- Ambient pressure
- Pre-treated geothermal brine
- Brine feed capacity 12-20 L/h



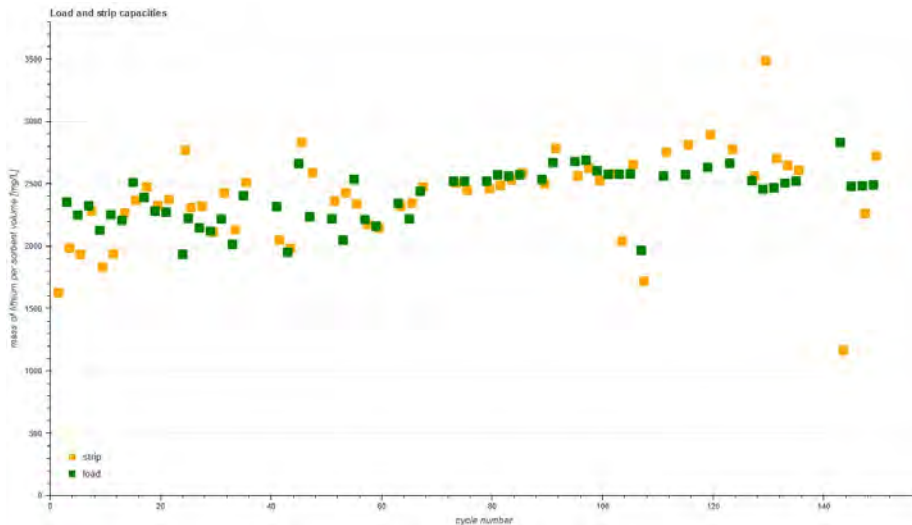
## Pilot Plant P1A

- Column volume 15 L
- Brine pressure of ~18 barg
- Untreated geothermal brine
- Brine feed capacity 100 L/h



# STABLE PERFORMANCE IN BOTH PILOT PLANTS, CONTINUOUS OPTIMISATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

Pilot Plant P1A



Load (sorption, green) and strip (desorption, yellow) capacities of current VULSORB® campaign at P1A (geothermal plant pressure, no pre-treatment) with improved parameters and set-up.

- ✓ VULSORB® performance was stable for more than >2000 A-DLE cycles with geothermal brine at 60 to 75 °C and 18 barg, as well as at atmospheric pressure.
- ✓ Lithium extraction efficiency: >90%.
- ✓ Further recent optimisations have included modification of flow distributor in the column, reduction of dead volume of liquid, optimised activation of VULSORB®, among others.
- ✓ This has resulted in:
  - ✓ increased sorbent capacity: ~2400 mg Li/l of sorbent.
  - ✓ Improved eluate quality.

# LITHIUM EXTRACTION OPTIMISATION PLANT (LEOP) IN LANDAU PROVIDES LITHIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION TO MAKE BATTERY GRADE LHM AT CLEOP

- In-house designed **Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant (LEOP)** in commissioning phase, planned to start operation Q4 of 2023 to train staff in pre-commercial environment for **targeted operational readiness** prior to start of commercial production.
- LEOP built to start sending significant volume of product (i.e., LiCl solution) to Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP) to make Battery Grade LHM.
- Once operational, this plant will produce **the first tonnes of domestically produced lithium chemicals in Europe.**



LEOP: A-DLE Column volume of 1.35 m<sup>3</sup>



LEOP: Centrifuge and Crystallizer from Sedgman Novopro



State of Industry

Sorbent Technology

Lab / Pilot Plants / Optimisation

Scale Up

Commercial Plant



**LITHIUM EXTRACTION OPTIMISATION PLANT LEOP**



# ENSURING COMMERCIAL OPERATIONAL READINESS FOR A-DLE AT VULCAN

**LAB**  
SOP 2020

**PILOT PLANT PP1**  
SOP 2021

**PILOT PLANT P1A**  
SOP 2022

**LEOP**  
SOP H2 2023

**COMMERCIAL LEP**  
SOP H2 2026

Grams of product



Kilos of product



100s of kilos of product



Tonnes of product



Kilotonnes of product



**24kt plant, divided in 12 DLS production lines**

Optimise and improve performance

Optimise and improve performance

Optimise and improve performance

Optimise and improve performance, ensure operational readiness

<b>Feed flow per column</b>	1.5 l/h
<b>Sorbent volume per column</b>	0.25 l
<b>Eq. LHM</b>	

1.5 l/h
0.25 l

12-20 l/h
1-2 l

100 l/h
15 l
105 g/h (= 840 kg/y)

5,000 l/h (= 1.4 l/s)
830 l
<b>45 t/y</b>

270,000 l/h (= 75 l/s)
45,000 l
<b>2,000 t/y</b>

x10

x55

x54







# LITHIUM EXTRACTION PLANT (LEP) IN LANDAU

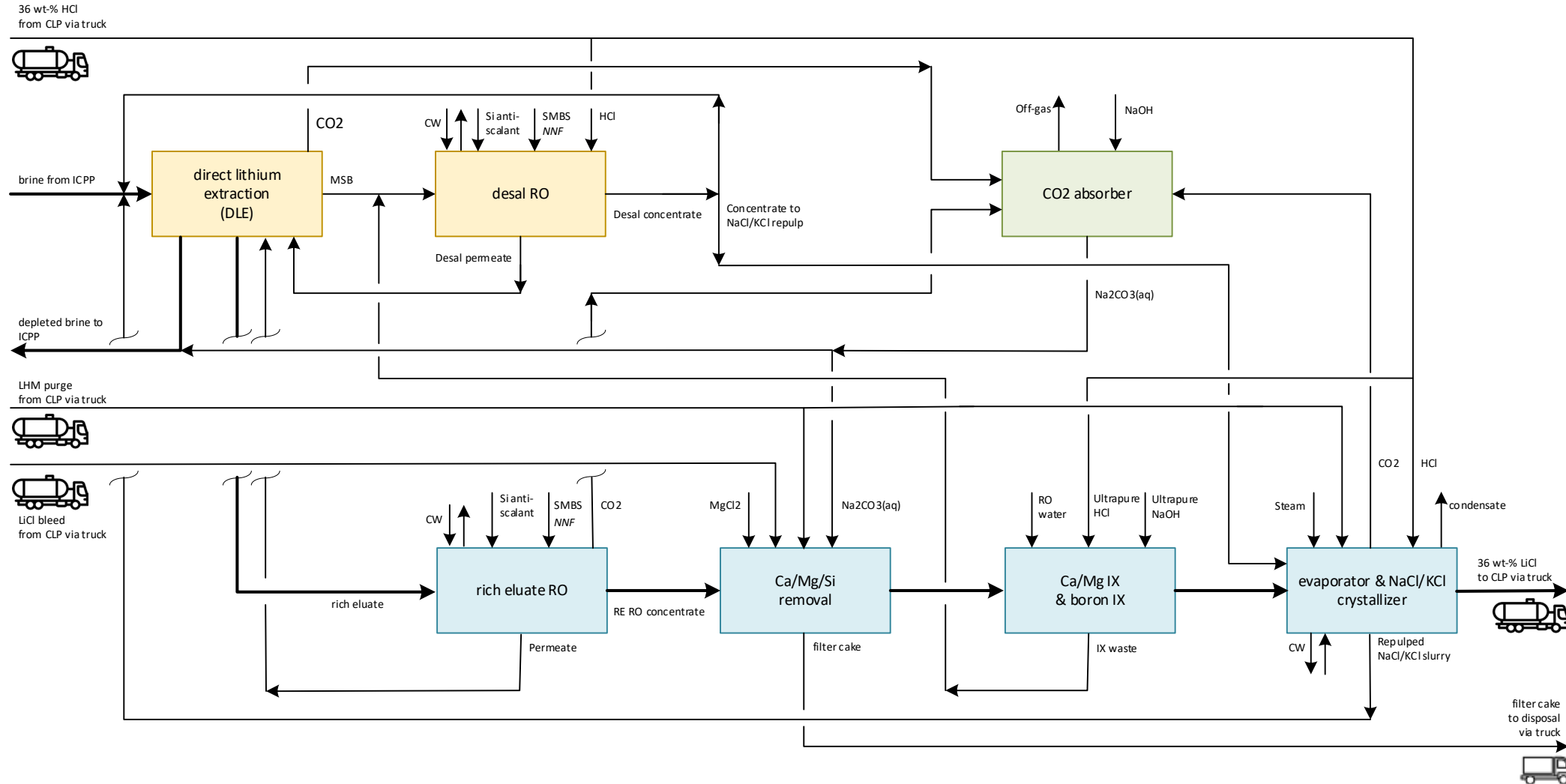
## Phase One commercial: Lithium Extraction Plant (LEP)

- **Building permit submitted in November 2023**, in line with Vulcan's timeline.
- Will be constructed next to new Phase One Geothermal Plant in Landau.
- Total **targeted capacity to be 24,000tpa LHM equivalent in LiCl form**.
- From the LEP, **LiCl solution will be transported** to the CLP at Industrial Park Höchst (Frankfurt).
- **Modular build allows** for further phased development across other phases in Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field (URVBF).



Planned new commercial Phase One Geothermal Plant and Lithium Extraction Plant (LEP) in Landau

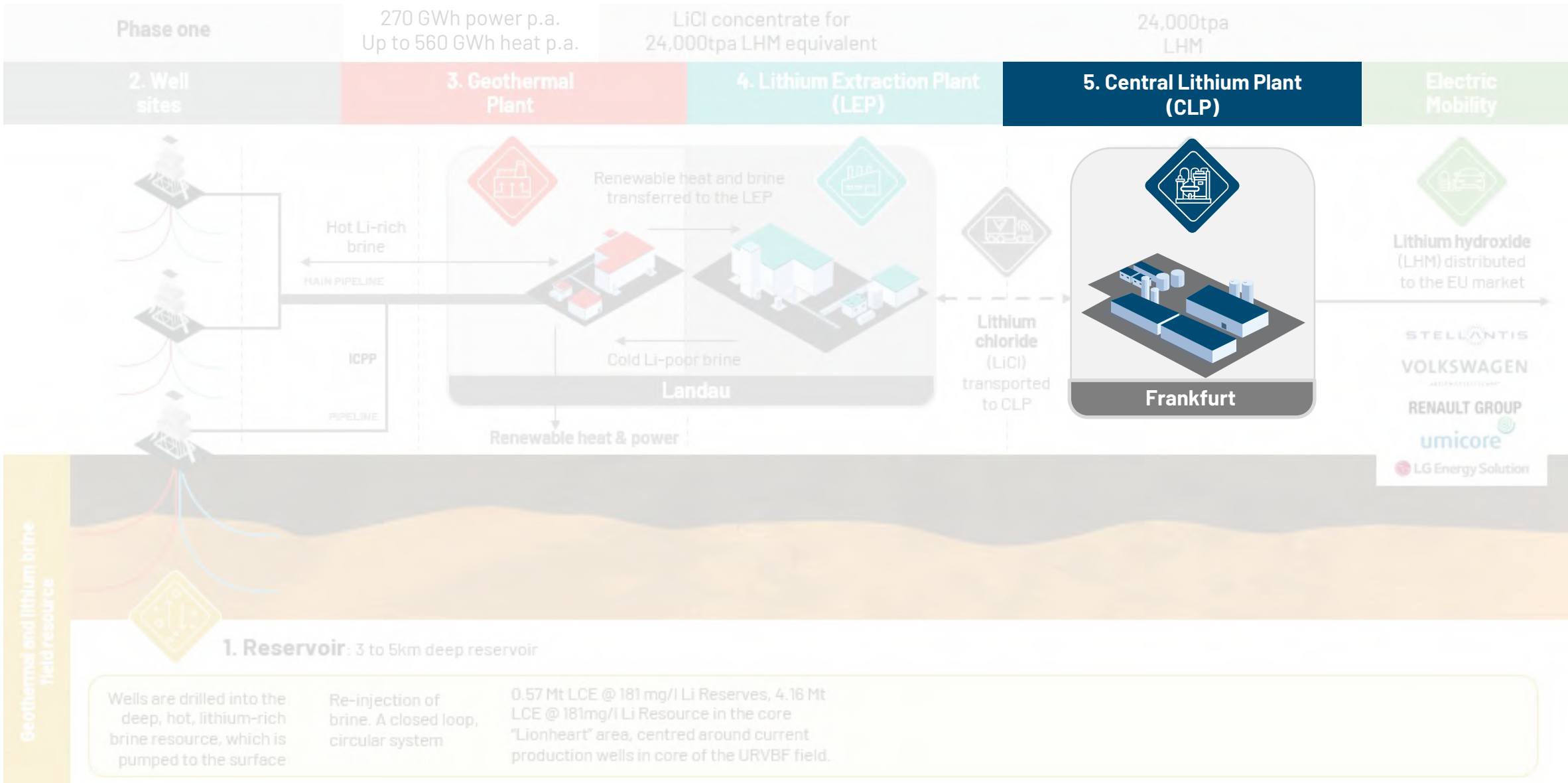
# OUR LEP PROCESS IS HIGHLY INTEGRATED WITH CLOSED WATER LOOP, MINIMAL ENERGY DEMAND AND MINIMAL WASTE STREAMS



► **Major units:** A-DLE system, RO systems, IX systems, evaporator/crystallizer, BOP



# 5. CONVERTING LITHIUM TO A BATTERY GRADE PRODUCT



# LITHIUM PROCESSING: PROVEN, SUSTAINABLE METHODS, STRONG PARTNERS

## Proven chlor-alkali type process, sustainable inputs, no fossil fuels

- Vulcan to use the electrolysis process to convert lithium chloride into lithium hydroxide. Electrolysis produces very pure lithium hydroxide product, important for battery EV industry. Main input is green power, in contrast to legacy methods which use large quantities of reagents and fossil fuels.
- This is similar to the **well-known chlor-alkali process used for >100 years** to produce caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) from sodium chloride, since cells for lithium chloride electrolysis are the same.
- Chlor-alkali electrolysis process: there are **36 active plants in Germany**, c. 5.4Mt chlorine production capacity, of which 3.4Mt is using the exact same membrane technology as Vulcan.

## NORAM

- Vulcan is working closely with NORAM, lithium chloride electrolysis experts in charge of detailed engineering.
- NORAM brings their extensive experience of testing production of lithium hydroxide from lithium chloride through electrolysis, **already proven with commercial-scale cells**.
- **Testwork** with Electrosynthesis (partly owned by NORAM) **completed**, better than battery grade specification LHM **successfully** produced from Vulcan's LiCl.





# ELECTROLYSIS – GREAT BENEFITS, LOW RISK

## Key benefits in final step in our production steps (lithium chloride converted to battery-grade LHM via electrolysis)



Using sustainable energy, electrolysis offers a **carbon-free route to LHM**



**No** production of any **waste by-products**



**High quality LHM** due to upstream brine purification and membrane electrolysis

## Low risk base technology

Lithium-chloride electrolysis is a **close analogue to well-established chloro-alkali industry**

NESI Technology package aims **robust design** with focus on **reliability** and operational flexibility

Technology already proven using commercial scale cell



## Additional de-risking activities

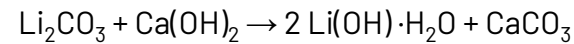
Complemented **with proven chlorine and lithium processing units** from established technology providers

Built up a strong operations team with **in-depth expertise** from chloro-alkaline industry to **integrate** the building blocks

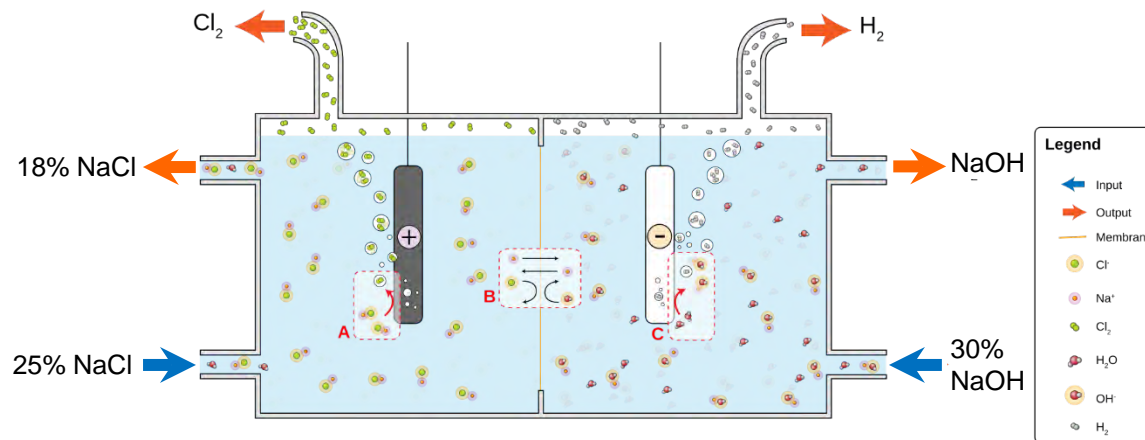
Priority on a **robust low-risk technology** before optimising performance

# LiOH ELECTROLYSIS PROCESS – VERY SIMILAR TO CHLORO-ALKALI

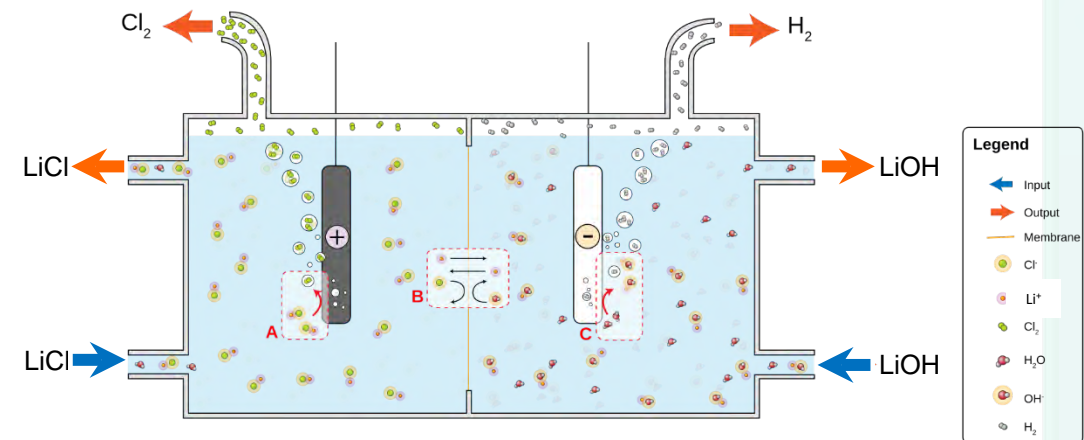
- Traditionally LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (LHM) has been produced from inorganic precursors by re-crystallisation of inorganic precursors, e.g.:



- The traditional process results in large consumption of chemicals and large by-production of inorganic waste.
- Electrolysis is an efficient way to convert LiCl to LiOH without consumption of chemicals and production of solid wastes. By using sustainable electrical power, the process can be de-carbonised.
- The technology is similar to the chlor-alkali process, the well-established 'work-horse' of the ~ 100 M t chlor-alkali industry – only the *sodium ions Na<sup>+</sup> are replaced by lithium ions Li<sup>+</sup>*



- A Anodic oxidation  $2 \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 2 \text{e}^-$
- B **Na<sup>+</sup>** passes through the membrane, Cl<sup>-</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> are rejected
- C Cathodic reduction  $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2 \text{OH}^- + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$



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# BUILDING ON A THREE-STAGE APPROACH: THE BASIS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE USED

## NESI's 3-stage approach to electrolysis process development, all completed:

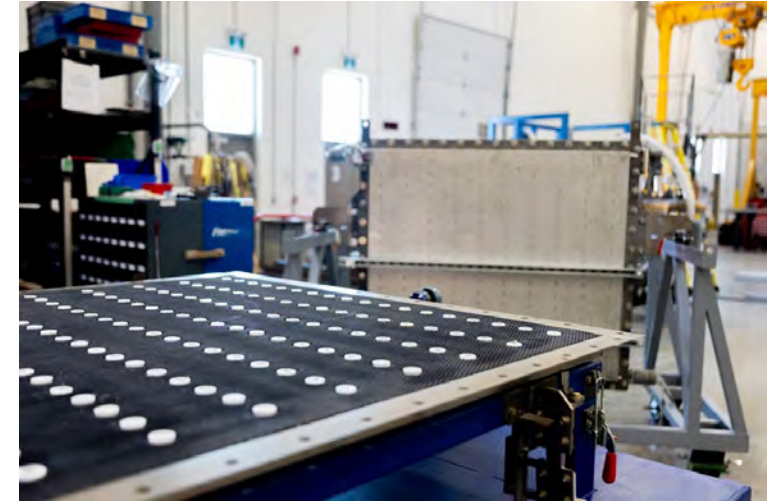
- **Stage 1:** Short and long duration brine testing on NESI cell - **completed**
  - Aim: Replicate commercial NORSCAND<sup>®</sup> Cell. Long term testing of 1,000 + hours
  - Cell: NESI's NS-01 cell with an electrode area of 0.015m<sup>2</sup>
- **Stage 2:** Full Electrode height NORSCAND<sup>®</sup> Cell - **completed**
  - Aim: Confirm cell performance scale-up
  - Cell: NESI's Full Electrode height cell with a total electrode area of 0.175m<sup>2</sup>
- **Stage 3:** Full commercial cell testing -**completed**
  - Aim: Confirm cell performance at the full commercial scale
  - Cell: Commercial full-scale NORSCAND<sup>®</sup> cell with an electrode area of 1.5m<sup>2</sup> (Like Vulcan's CLP plant). Used to demonstrate that the expected performance of the commercial scale NORSCAND<sup>®</sup> cell fully matches the results of the test results of the NESI NS-01 test cell.

## NESI (NORAM Electrolysis Systems)'s Electrochemical Demonstration Plant

- Objective: To electrolyse lithium chloride and produce lithium hydroxide
- Equipment: Proven full-scale 1.5m<sup>2</sup> two-compartment electrolysis cell
- Results: Matched performance to prior tests on a full electrode height cell
- Significance: Confirmed the cell's suitability for designing the Vulcan optimisation plant and commercial plant

## Designing the LEP Process based on NESI's specifications:

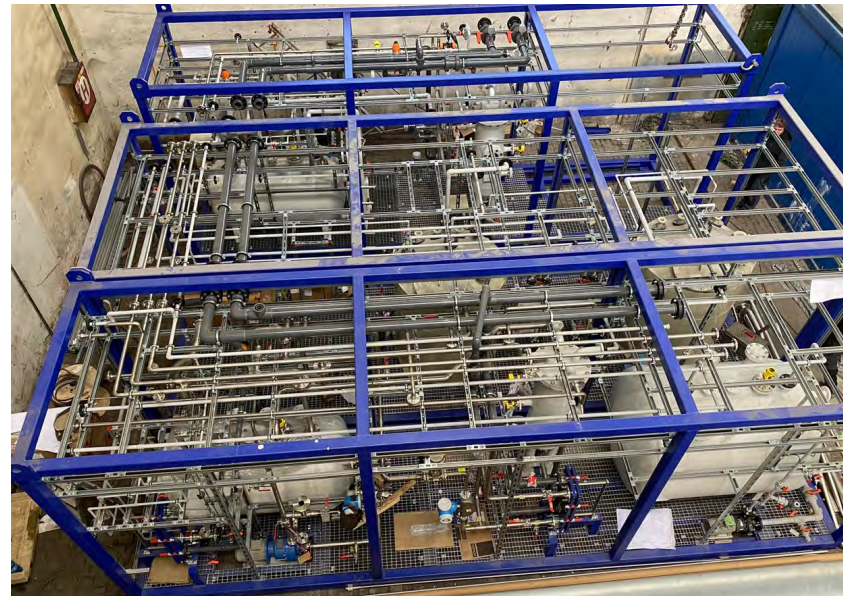
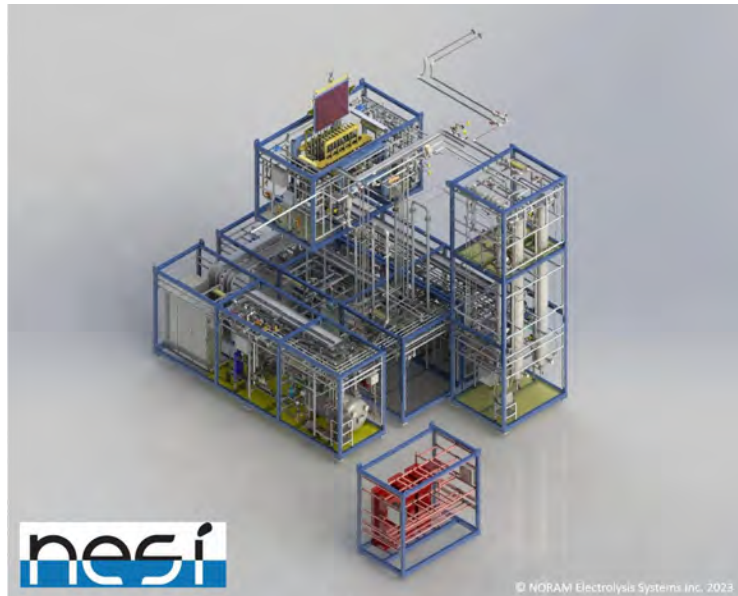
- Dilution levels of LiCl and LiOH
- Maintain low impurity levels (e.g., Ca, Mg, Sr, Ba, Si and P) at ppb or low ppm concentrations





# ENSURING OPERATIONAL READINESS WITH OUR CENTRAL LITHIUM ELECTROLYSIS OPTIMISATION PLANT (CLEOP)

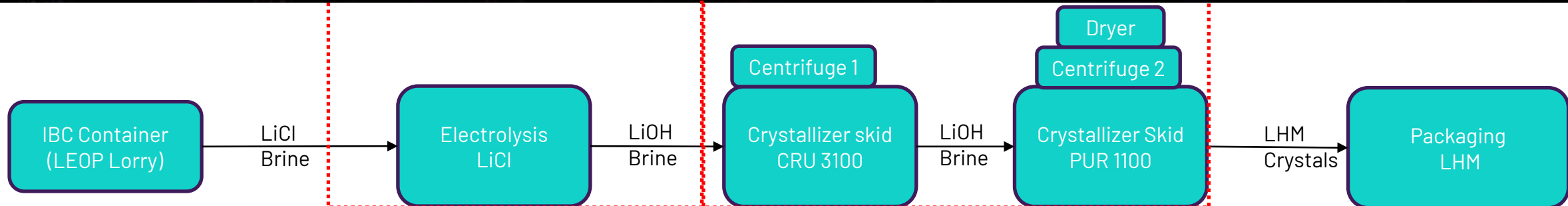
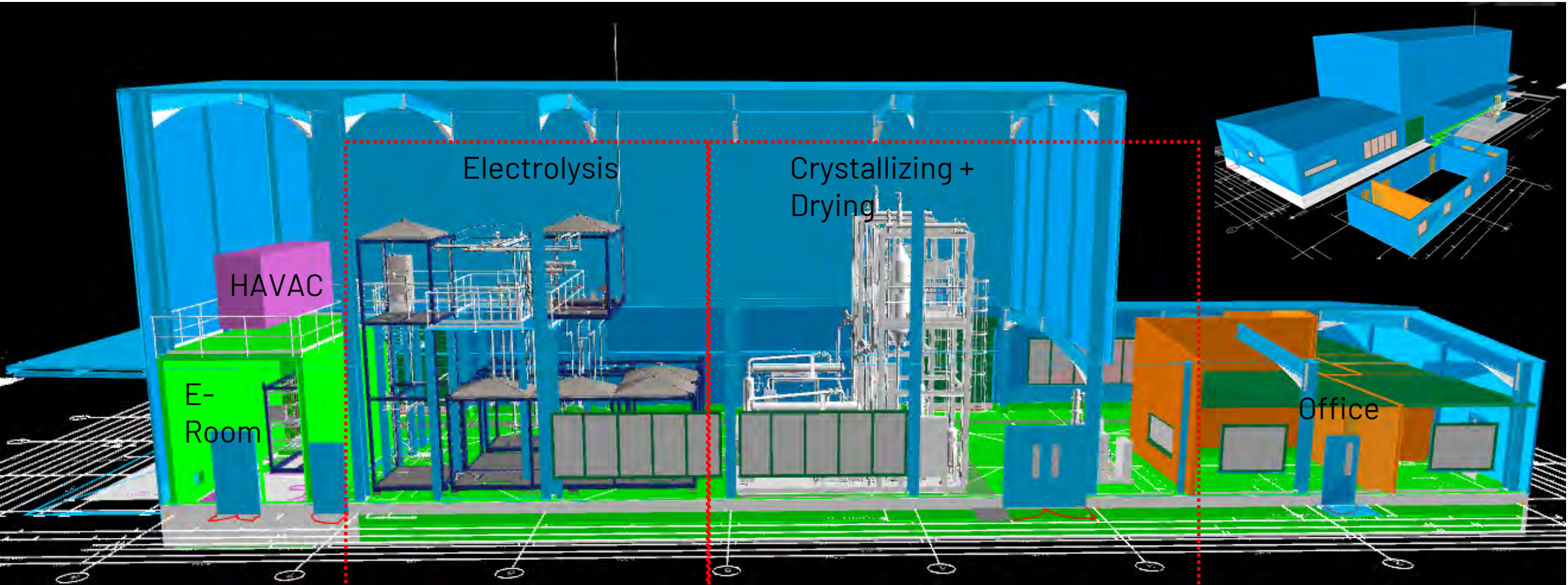
- Both optimisation and commercial plants will be located at the Höchst Chemical Park.
- Optimisation plant under construction, planned to start operation in H1 24, training staff in pre-commercial operational setting of (i) the electrolysis from LiCl to LHM solution; (ii) LHM crude and pure crystallisation; and (iii) LHM drying.
- Optimisation plant built to start sending volume of product to offtakers for pre-qualifications testing.







# CLEOP: PERFECT TRAINING GROUND, SIMILAR TO CLP, ONLY SMALLER





# EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION THROUGH PRE-ASSEMBLED SKIDS







**CLEOP GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY COMPLETED WITH CHEMICAL PARK PARTNERS INFRASERV**



# NUMBERING UP, NOT SCALING UP ELECTROLYSIS CELLS

*Commercial scale cells already successfully demonstrated*

PILOT PLANT (EXT.)

DEMO PLANT (EXT.)

CLEOP

COMMERCIAL CLP

SOP 2021

SOP 2022

SOP H1 2024

SOP H2 2026

Kilos of product



Hundreds of kg of product



Tonnes of product



Kilo-tonnes of product



Feed flow 40% LiCl

12l

Confidential

700m<sup>3</sup>/y

48,000m<sup>3</sup>/y

LHM

Kgs produced

Confidential

350t/y

24,000t/y

Number of cells

1

1

5

600

Size electrolysis cells

0.015m<sup>2</sup>

1.5m<sup>2</sup> - commercial scale

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x100



x1



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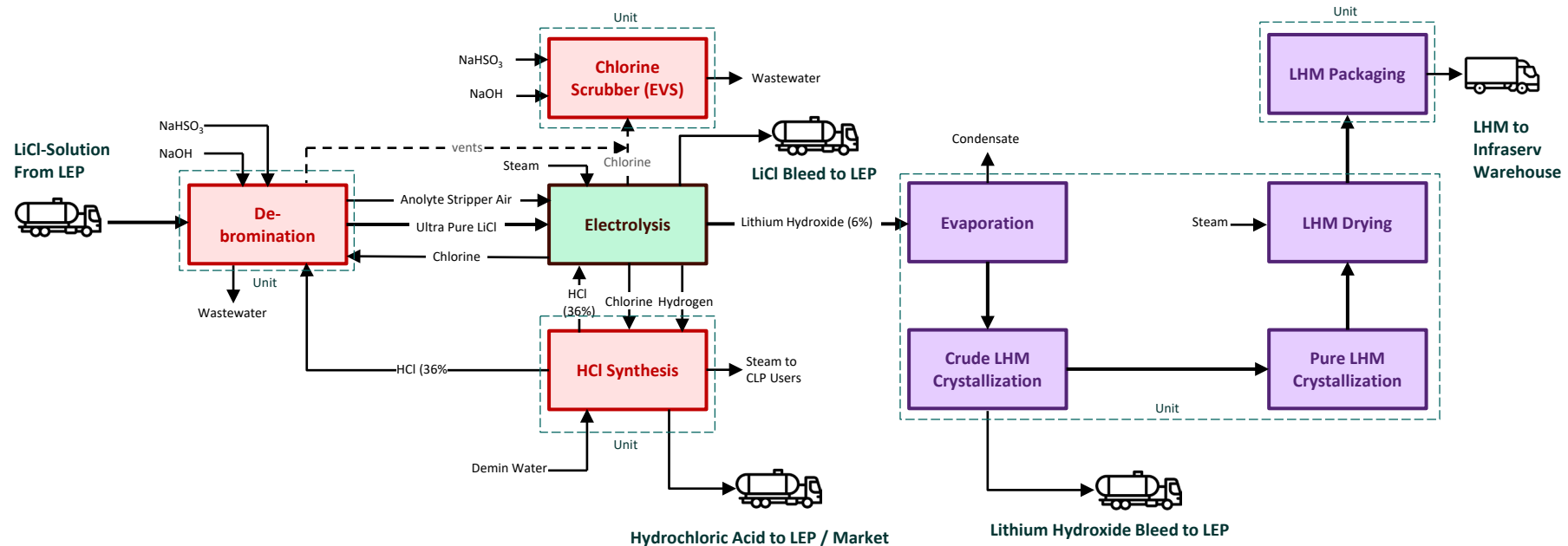
Prove technology

Optimise and improve performance

Optimise and improve performance, ensure operational readiness



# STRAIGHTFORWARD SIMPLICITY: PLANT DESIGN ADVANTAGE



## Plant Sections

Section S100	Fluid Processing
Section S200	Electrolysis
Section S300	LHM Production
Section S400	Tank Farm
Section S500	OSBL

## S400 - Tank Farm

2 x 1000 m <sup>3</sup> FRP	1 x 250 m <sup>3</sup> Duplex
1 x 1000 m <sup>3</sup> Duplex	2 x 250 m <sup>3</sup> SS
1 x 1000 m <sup>3</sup> SS	1 x 150 m <sup>3</sup> Duplex
2 x 500 m <sup>3</sup> FRP	1 x 50 m <sup>3</sup> Duplex
1 x 250 m <sup>3</sup> FRP	1 x 50 m <sup>3</sup> SS

## S500 - OSBL

- Steam / Condensate System incl. Deaerator
- Condensate purification (RO)
- Sodium bisulphite (NaHSO<sub>3</sub>) Preparation
- Plant Air Compressors
- Utilities

- ▶ **Technology Package:** Electrolysis (NESI)
- ▶ **Major Units:** Crystallisation & Drying, HCl Synthesis, EVS, Debromination, LHM Packaging and Loading, NaHSO<sub>3</sub>-Preparation System, Air Compressors

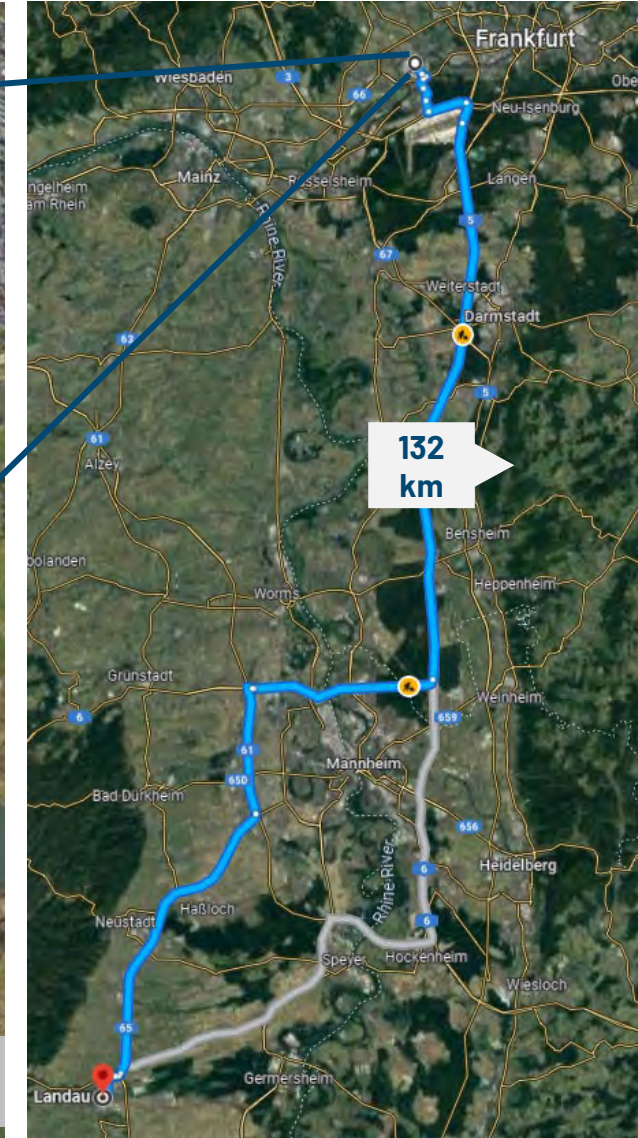
# BUILT FOR GROWTH: BASE INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED FOR UP TO THREE PHASES

- CLP planned to be located in Frankfurt (Industrial Park Höchst). Close to 100,000sqm secured.
- **Targeted 24,000tpa LHM capacity with space for further modular expansion.**
- Conversion of LiCl to **battery grade LHM using electrolysis**. Only by-product (saleable) is HCl. **Significant synergies** with existing chlor-alkali producers in the same chemical park, e. g. Nobian.
- Recycle of **purge streams back to LEP - low waste.**
- Höchst is one of Europe's largest industrial estates and is home to around 90 chemical and pharmaceutical companies.
- Infraserv (industrial park operator) contracted to supply power, utilities and services.
- Targeting commercial **start of production H2 2026.**

Location in the Industrial Park Höchst



Planned new commercial Phase One Central Lithium Plant (CLP) in Frankfurt-Höchst, and current location of CLEOP Optimisation Plant



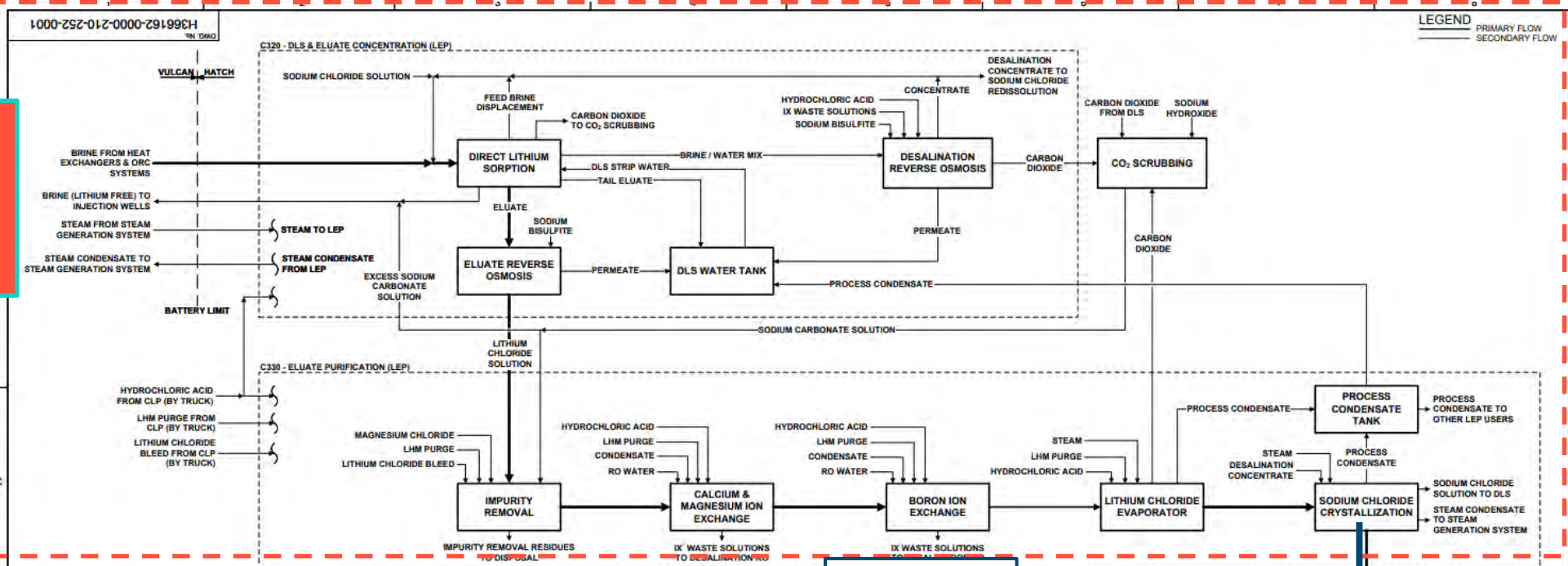


# LITHIUM EXTRACTION AND CONVERSION INTO LHM – DESIGNED AS ONE PLANT

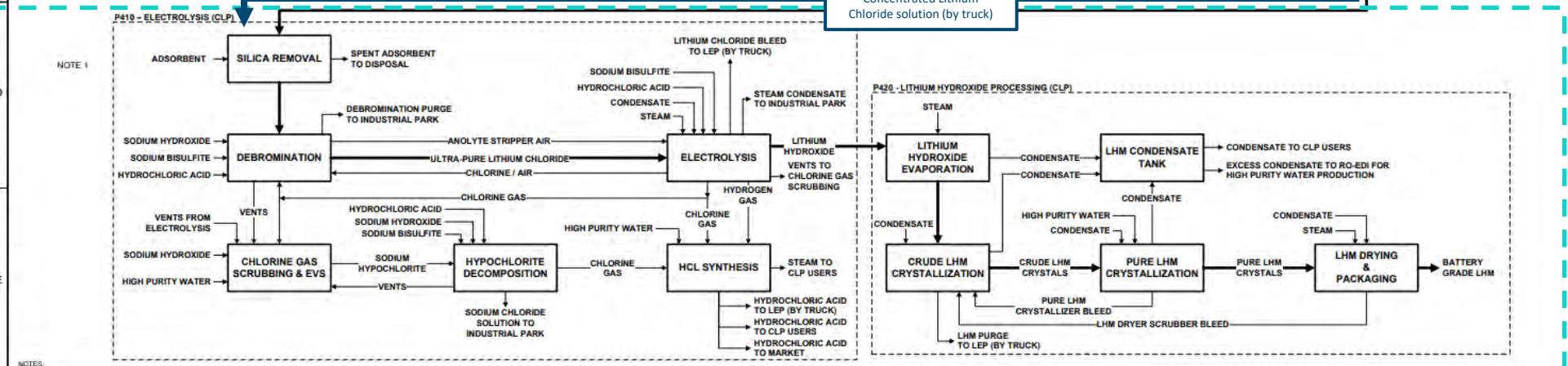
Proven technologies combined in an integrated way providing a sustainable flow sheet

Lithium Extraction Plant  
(Lionheart-Landau site)

The Resource



Central Lithium Plant  
(Höchst site Frankfurt)



NOTES:  
THE COOLING WATER, STEAM, NITROGEN, HIGH-PURITY WATER, PLANT WATER, AND SODIUM HYDROXIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE

## B. ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE





# ESG CREDENTIALS HIGHLIGHTS



Low ESG Risk Rating from Sustainalytics (01/2023)  
First amongst peers (market cap >\$0.6bn) and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile Chemicals Industry



~9,5kT CO<sub>2</sub> avoided from renewable energy generated at NaturLich Insheim annually



ESG linked KPIs, individual and shared targets, including implementation of a sustainable procurement procedure and achieving a positive ESG Score



Artenschutzstiftung  
Zoo Karlsruhe

Partnership with Karlsruhe Zoo Foundation supporting local biodiversity projects



Voluntary TCFD reporting company since 2021, first stand-alone TCFD Report published (March 2023)



CarbonNeutral.com



Certified Carbon Neutral International Organisation from 2021<sup>1</sup>



Updated Minviro Ltd lifecycle assessment conducted from DFS results; climate change impact quantified as -1.7 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>2</sup>



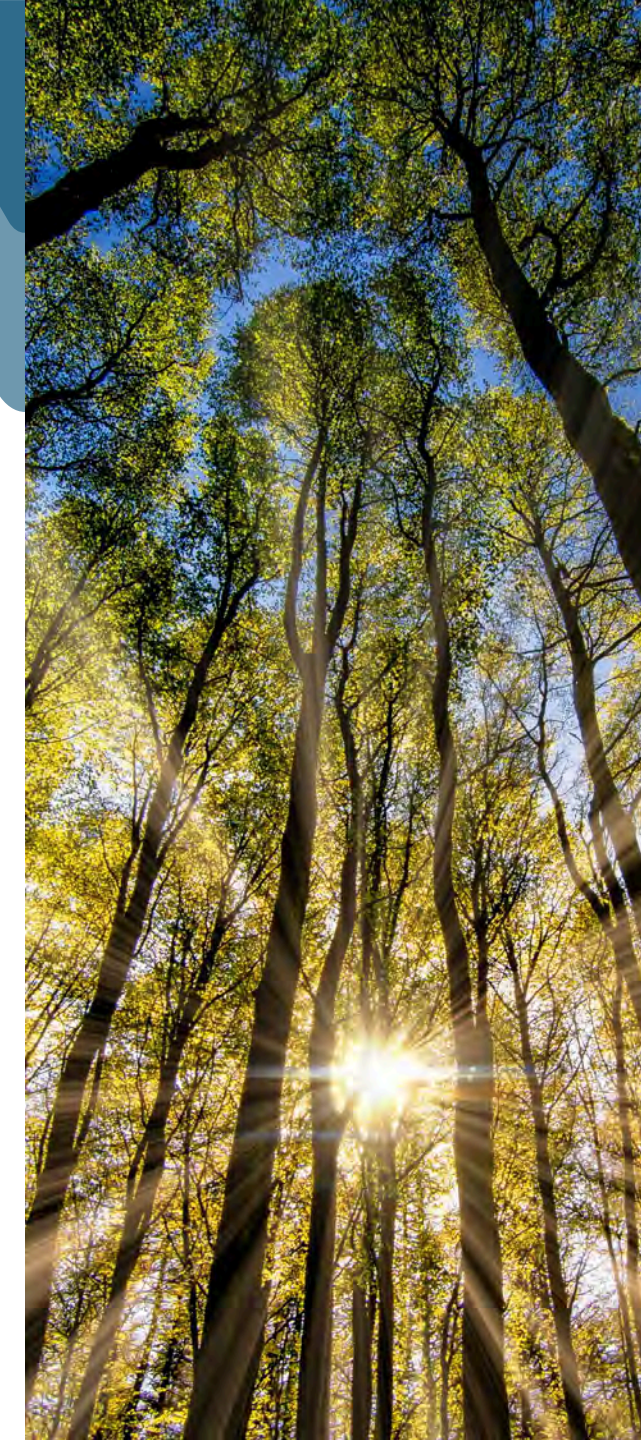
Project deemed low environmental impact by local authorities, supported by recently completed Environmental Social Impact Assessment with ERM



UNGC Member, TNFD Forum Member and VCM Stakeholder Forum Member

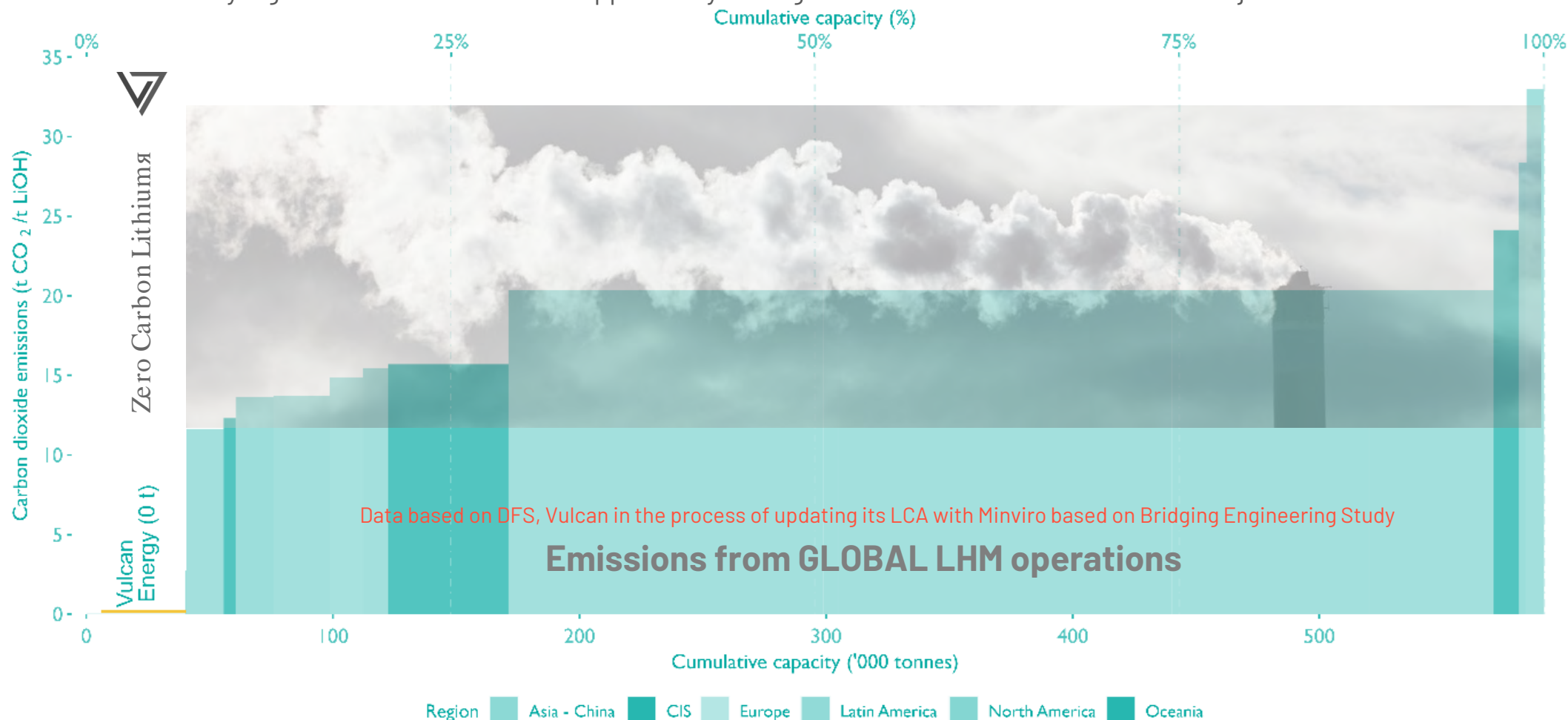
<sup>1</sup>Vulcan Group is certified as a carbon neutral organisation for 2022 under the Climate Active and Climate Impact Partners certifications

<sup>2</sup>Data available in the TCFD Report published March 2023



# AIMING FOR LOWEST CO<sub>2</sub> FOOTPRINT IN THE LITHIUM INDUSTRY

- Vulcan is developing the first and only carbon neutral lithium project in the world<sup>1</sup>
- Zero fossil fuels used directly in lithium production process
- Globally significant decarbonisation opportunity through Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project



<sup>1</sup>Sources: Fastmarkets projection for industry. Vulcan CO<sub>2</sub> value provided by Minviro. The CO<sub>2</sub> assessment is a cradle-to-gate study. It starts with the cradle: extraction of geothermal brine. Thermal energy of the brine is extracted and used for electricity and steam generation. Generated electricity is assumed to be exported to the German electrical grid. Part of the heat is exported for district heating, substituting natural gas use, and the rest of the heat is used for internal processes. It is assumed that of the electricity used throughout all processes 50% is sourced from the German grid and 50% is procured from additional wind generated electricity, on top of wind-based electricity that is already present in the German grid mix. Electricity, steam, hydrochloric acid (30% concentration) and sodium hypochlorite (15.8% concentration) are co-products of the lithium hydroxide monohydrate product. All co-products are accounted for using system expansion, meaning no allocation is required. The climate change impact for the lithium hydroxide monohydrate product for the assumptions described above is -1.7 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O using ISO-compliant methods for LCAs. Vulcan has amended to net zero for the purposes of the presentation, to clarify that this is not a carbon removal project. Vulcan is not aware of any other net zero carbon, zero fossil fuels lithium projects either in operation or development.

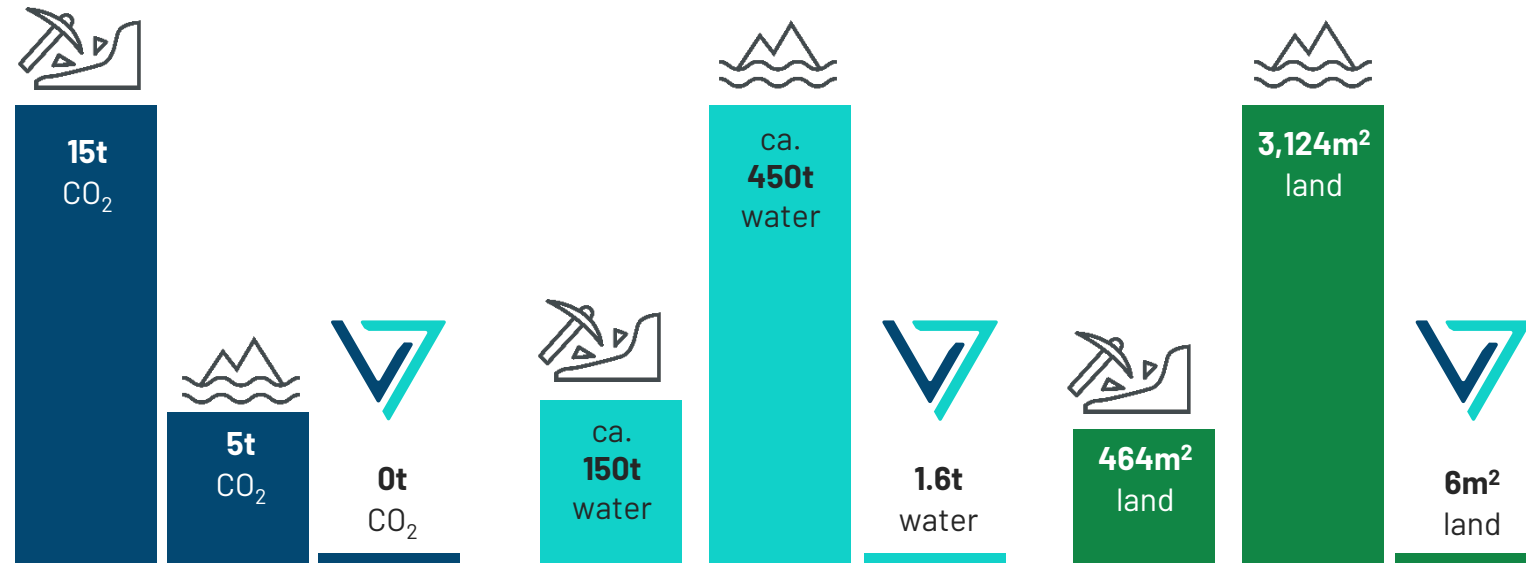


# AIMING FOR LOWEST WATER AND LAND FOOTPRINT IN LITHIUM INDUSTRY

Engineered to have industry-leading environmental performance: our core mission

Data based on the DFS. Vulcan in the process of updating its LCA with Minviro based on Bridging Engineering Study.

Vulcan draws on naturally occurring, renewable geothermal energy to power the lithium extraction process and create a renewable energy by-product. This uses **no fossil fuels** in the process, requires **very little water** and has a **tiny land footprint**.



## PER TONNE OF LHM PRODUCED



Hard rock mining



Brine evaporation ponds and reagents



Zero Carbon Lithium™



ZERO CARBON LITHIUM™ PROJECT

1. Industry peer data generated from Minviro Life Cycle Assessment (see Vulcan ASX announcement, 4 August 2021)

2. Vulcan Energy's DFS, 13 February 2023

The Company's environmental credentials set out in this slide (and elsewhere in this Presentation) are based on the Company's Studies. There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to achieve the targeted metrics.



## AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND GOVERNANCE LEADER

- Vulcan offers **strong local employment opportunities**, with over 370 employees to date, and growing, across a number of disciplines including engineering, project execution, chemicals and technology development.
- **Locally produced and processed battery-grade lithium**, aiming to be the first fully domestic lithium supply chain in Europe, supplying local offtakers including Stellantis and continuing to strengthen European decarbonisation targets.
- Project has a **minimal environmental and social impact**, with operational sites located in agricultural areas and no interaction with sites of ecological importance<sup>1</sup>.
- Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project Phase One has been deemed **eligible for Equator Principles** aligned Project Finance and has completed a bankable Environmental and Social Impact Assessment.
- Vulcan's Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project sites have been analysed to be resilient to both physical and transitional climate risks including acute and chronic weather events and potential regulatory requirements<sup>2</sup>.
- Vulcan's sustainable procurement process helps identify best-in-class suppliers to partner with.

<sup>1</sup>According to preliminary environmental impact assessments undertaken by Natur SüdWest to date

<sup>2</sup>Climate Scenario Analysis as part of the TCFD Report released March 2023





# PART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **Thousands of local** direct and indirect **jobs** to be created, linked to the **energy transition, decarbonisation and electrification of transport.**
- Vulcan's projects provide a unique, tangible benefit which literally "flows" into local communities: **renewable heating** for district heating networks.
- Vulcan's affordable, renewable, net zero carbon heat, contributes to **decarbonisation of cities and towns**, as well as **Europe's energy security.**
- The Project is **developed in cooperation with local communities**, as Vulcan directly engages to understand and meet their needs. Vulcan is doing a substantial amount of work to consult with, as well as inform, the public.
- Community engagement activities include:
  - **"Info-Centres"** have been set up across the region
    - **Citizen dialogue events:** Regional Roadshow with Info-Truck/ Trailer, Citizens' information events in cooperation with local community
    - Stakeholder dialogue/ technical discussion: participation workshops, presentations to the individual **community councils**
- Vulcan has received strong interest and generally **positive feedback from its extensive public engagement activities.**
- Majority of local city councils have been **voting in favour** of Vulcan's work programme for Phase One.



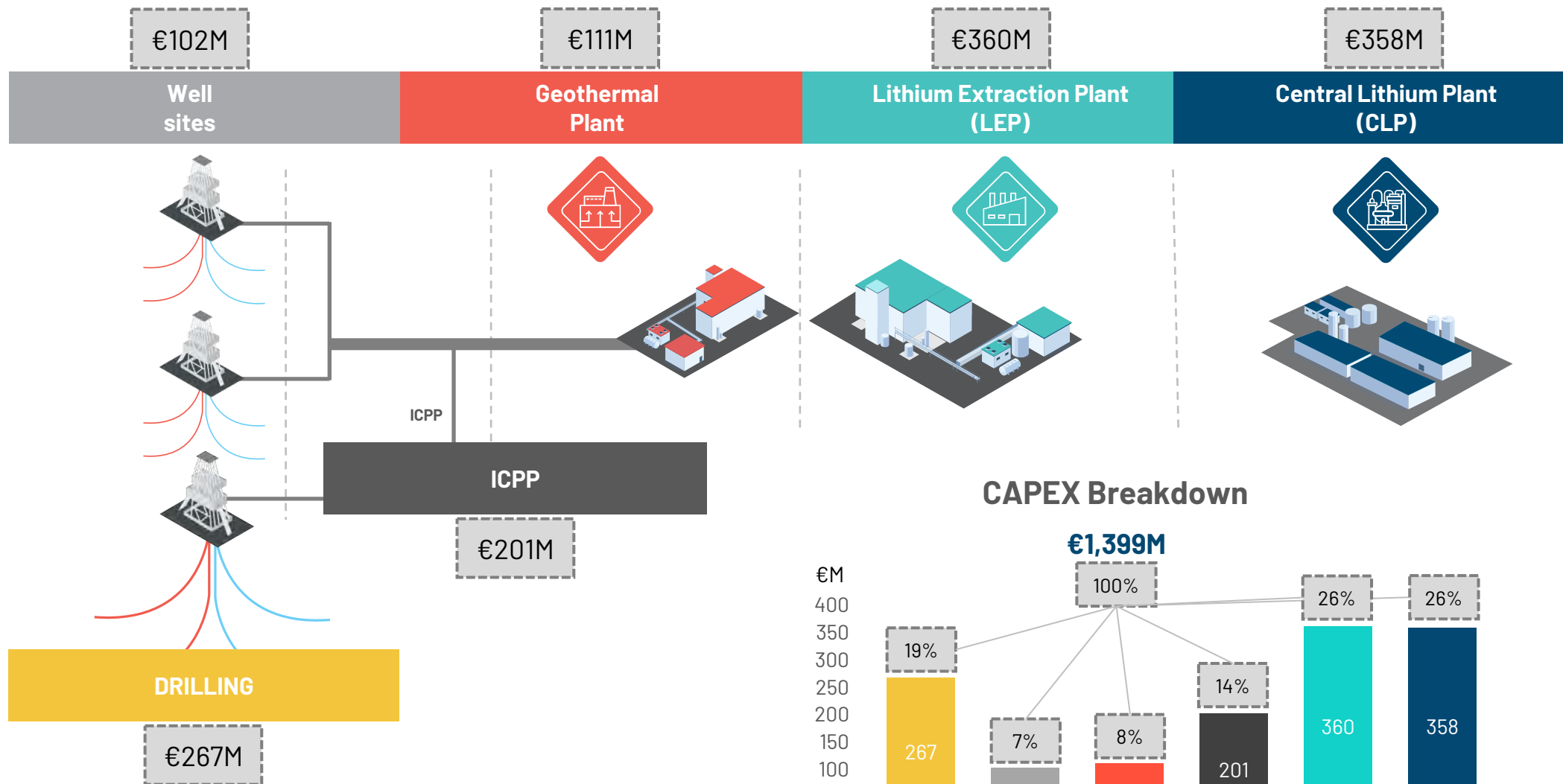


# C. ECONOMICS AND FINANCING



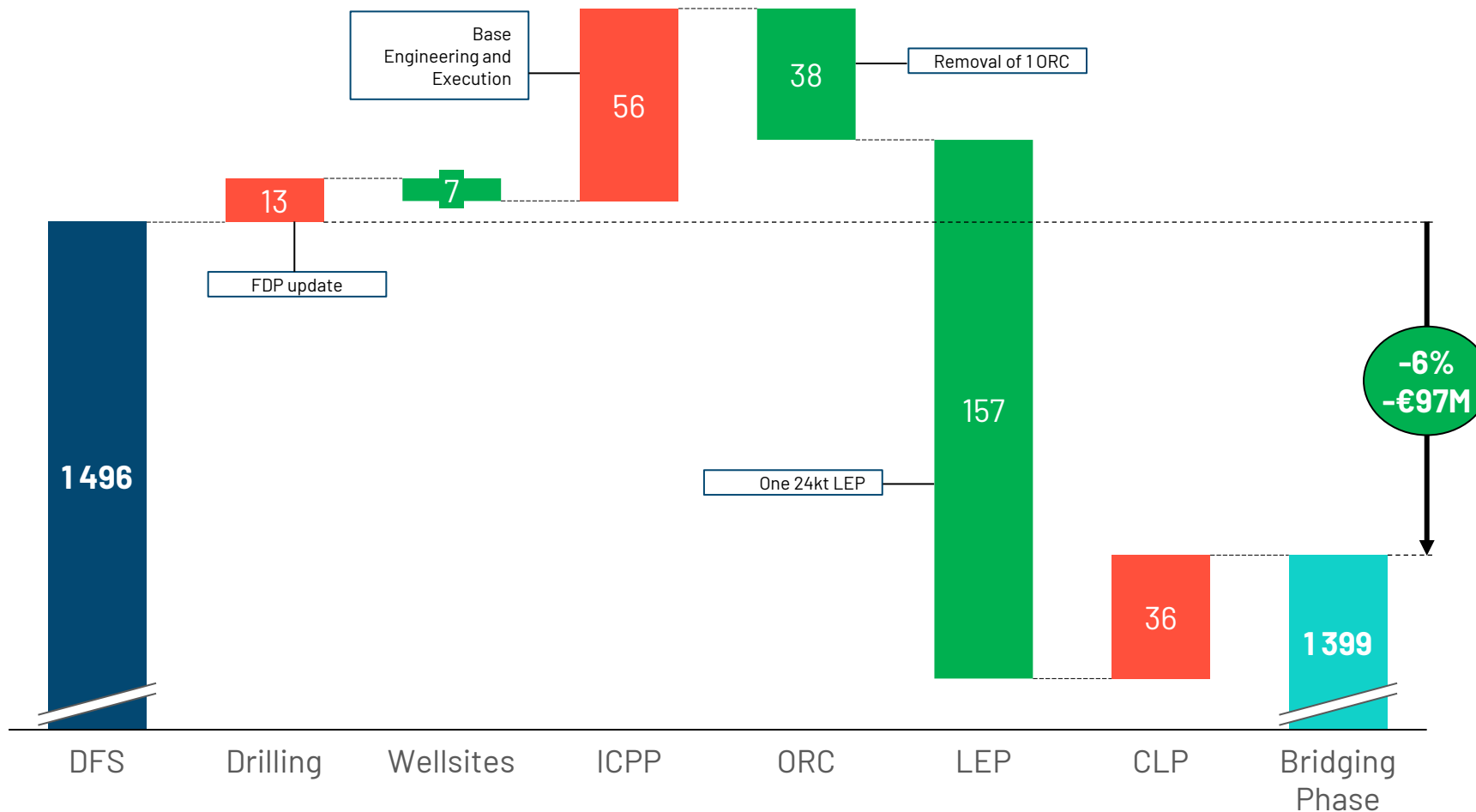


# IMPROVED PHASE ONE PROJECT FORECAST CAPEX



# FORECAST CAPEX COMPARISON DFS VS. NOW

## CAPEX Estimate €M Evolution

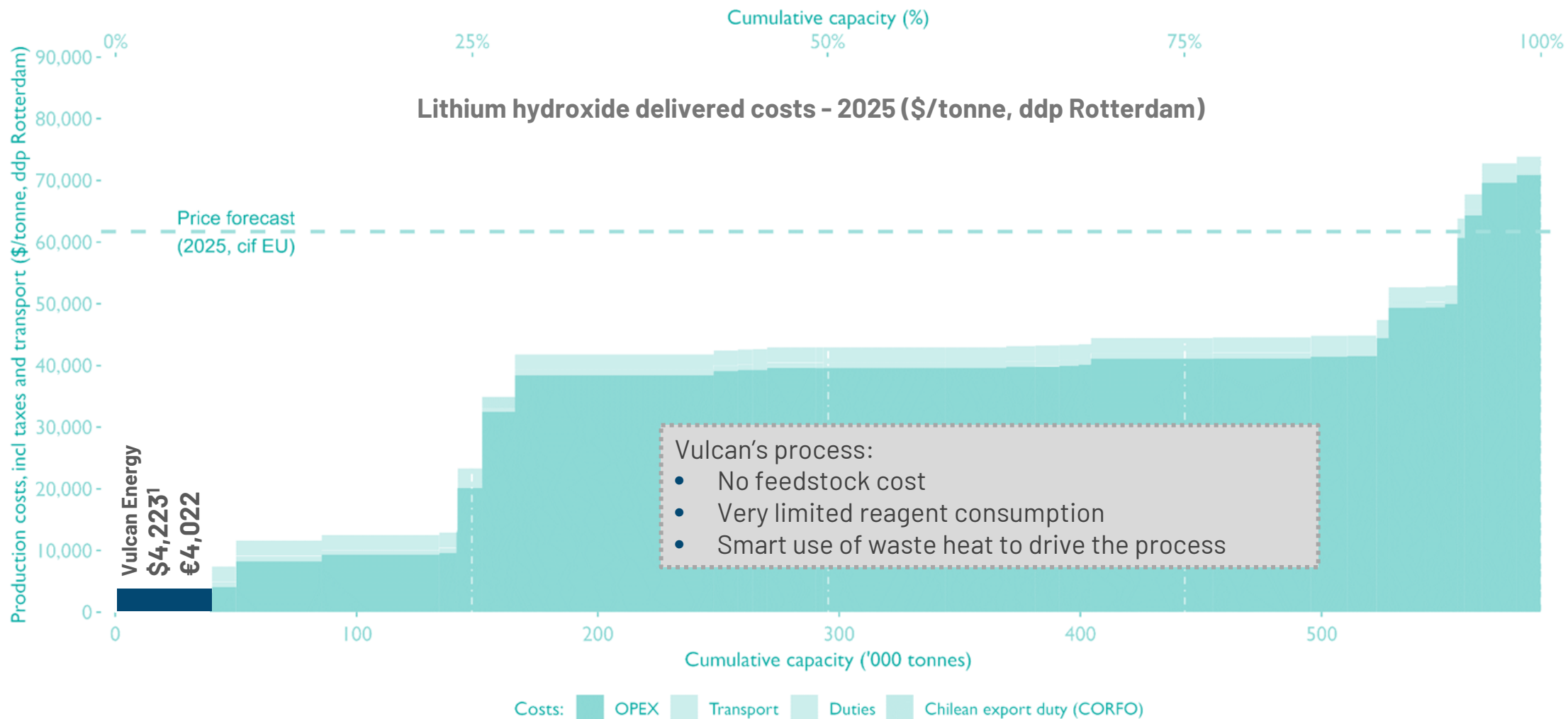


- **€97M CAPEX drop** compared to the DFS despite more accurate engineering with **Class 2 Estimate**
- Contingency at 12%
- Drilling cost increase based on new FDP
- Wellsite cost updated based on actuals
- ICPP cost increase based on basic engineering
- Significant cost saving on LEP due to economies of scale (2 to 1 plant) and one ORC
- CAPEX includes contingency, indirect costs, owner's costs, EPCM, etc.



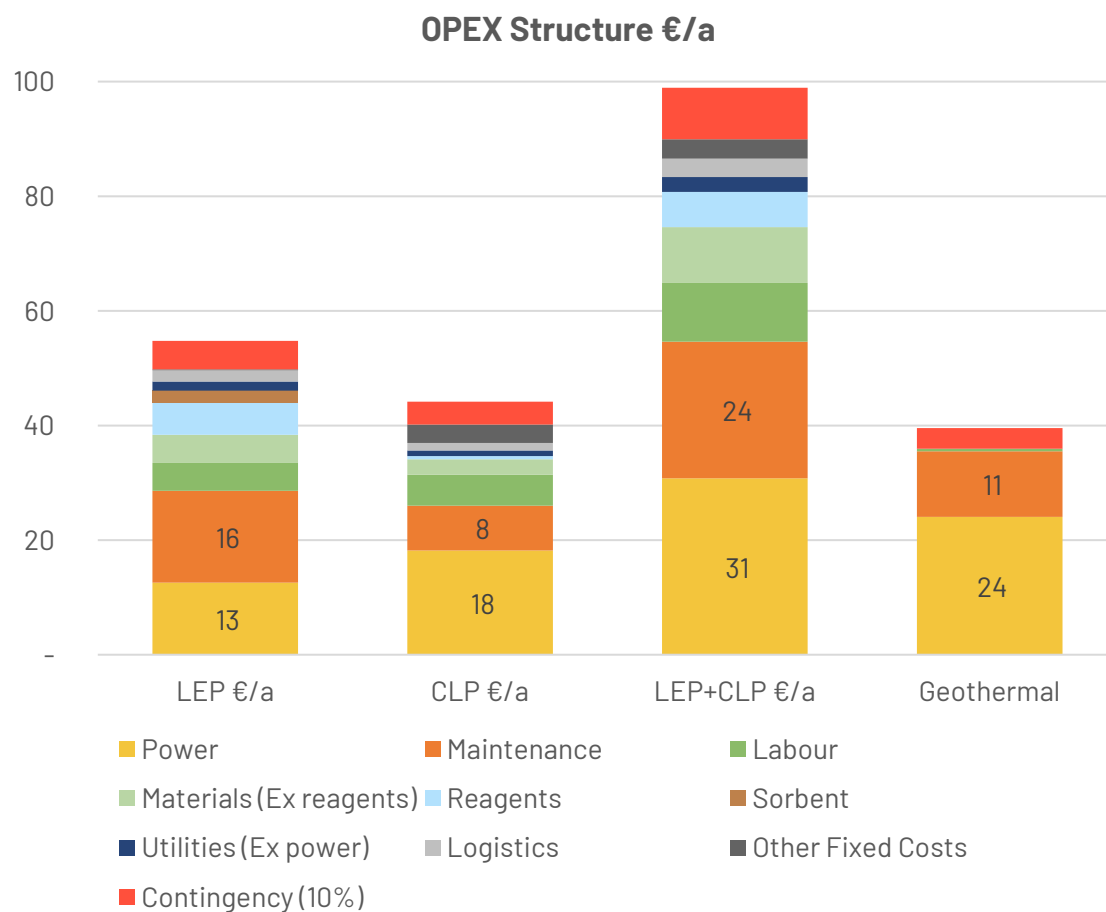
# GLOBAL COST CURVE LHM – PROJECTED 2025<sup>1</sup>

Vulcan’s Zero Carbon Lithium™ Project has the potential to be one of **the lowest cost integrated LHM projects** in the world.



<sup>1</sup>Projected cost curve provided by Fastmarkets and Vulcan’s OPEX estimate provided by the Company. Note: The OPEX is based on a production at designed capacity at 24,600t LHM and including an average power price over the project life, excluding inflation. Vulcan’s OPEX converted from € to \$ using 1.05 EUR/USD FX. Vulcan has used a projected cost curve by Fastmarkets as it is the Price Reporting Agency (PRA) for lithium for the London Metals Exchange, and as in Vulcan’s view it would be invalid to compare Vulcan’s future projected costs with current costs from other companies. Fastmarkets’ estimate of a project’s costs uses a bottom-up approach based on assumptions about the operations. On top of this, costs for transport to a common location and any duties that would be applied are added to allow comparison from different sources. Please also refer to the Forward-Looking Statement disclaimer.

# INTEGRATED RENEWABLE ENERGY AND LITHIUM OPERATION: OPEX

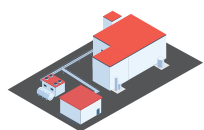


	LEP €/a	CLP €/a	LEP+CLP €/a	Geothermal €/a	Opex % of total
Power	13	18	31	24	<b>40%</b>
Maintenance	16	8	24	11	<b>25%</b>
Labour	5	5	10	0	<b>8%</b>
Materials (Ex reagents)	5	3	10	-	<b>6%</b>
Reagents	6	1	6	-	<b>4%</b>
Sorbent	2	-	2	-	<b>2%</b>
Utilities (Ex power)	2	1	3	-	<b>2%</b>
Logistics	2	1	3	-	<b>2%</b>
Other Fixed Costs	0	3	3	0	<b>2%</b>
Contingency (10%)	5	4	9	4	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total incl. Contingency</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

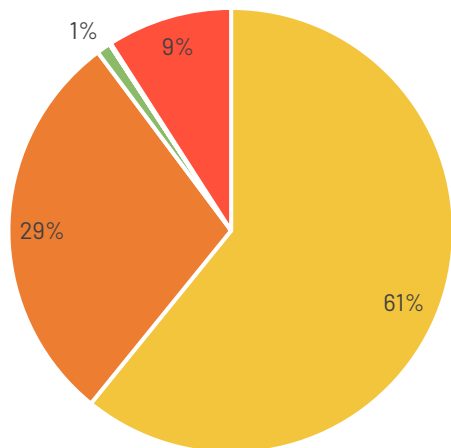
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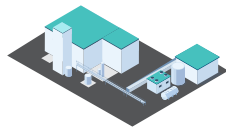
# LITHIUM PRODUCTION AND CONVERSION: VERY LOW OPEX



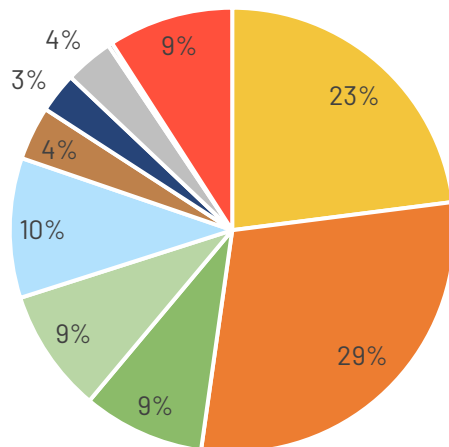
GEO THERMAL OPEX €/t LHM



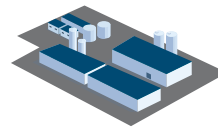
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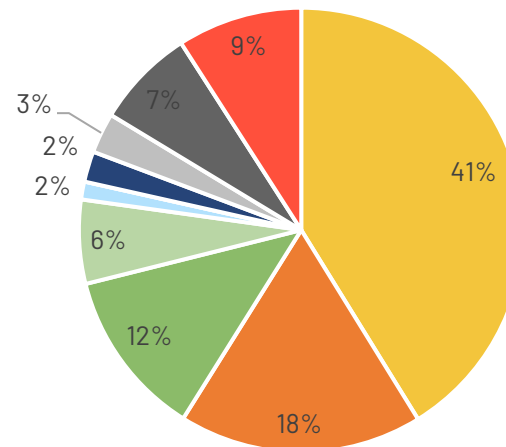
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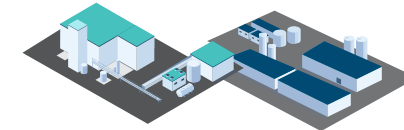
€2,227/t LHM



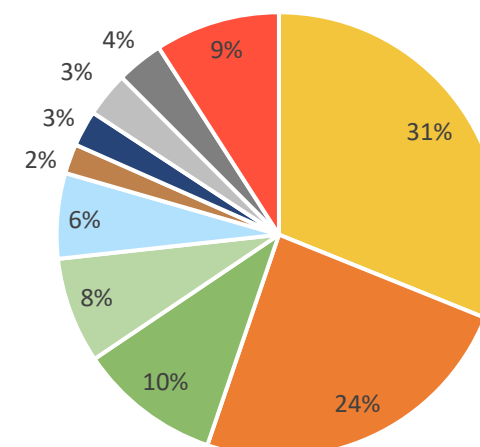
CLP OPEX LHM



€1,796/t LHM



Combined OPEX LHM



€4,022/t LHM

- Power
- Maintenance
- Labour
- Materials (Ex reagents)
- Reagents
- Sorbent
- Utilities (Ex power)
- Logistics
- Other Fixed Costs
- Contingency (10%)

Note: The OPEX is based on a production at designed capacity at 24,600t LHM and including an average power price over the project life, excluding inflation

# LITHIUM PRICE VOLATILITY MITIGATED BY STRATEGIC SUPPLY PARTNER CONTRACTS

- High quality of European-focused offtake partners
- All offtakes are binding, take-or-pay, with agreed pricing mechanisms
- Pricing mechanisms are a basket of fixed, floor-ceiling and fully floating prices which provides assurance a more stability to lenders during payback period



**€50M Equity investment**  
Binding lithium hydroxide offtake agreement, initial 10-year term.



Binding lithium hydroxide offtake agreement, initial 5-year term.

## RENAULT GROUP

Binding lithium hydroxide offtake agreement, initial 6-year term.

## VOLKSWAGEN GROUP

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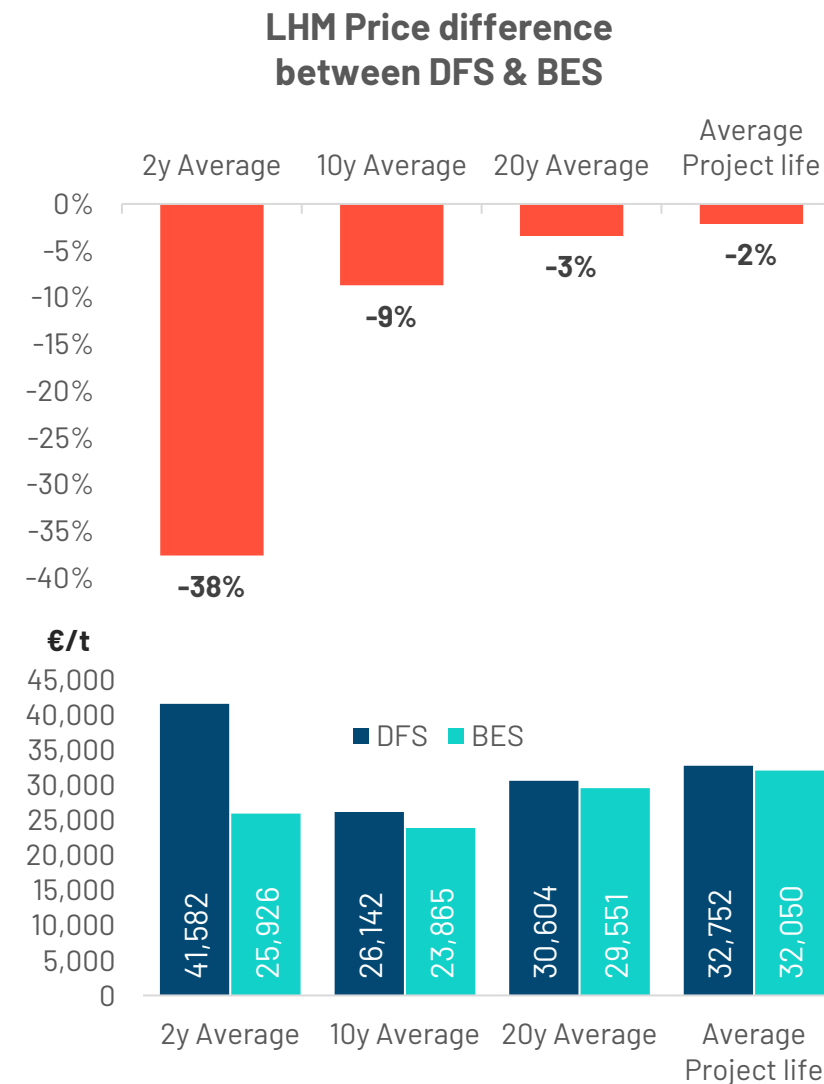
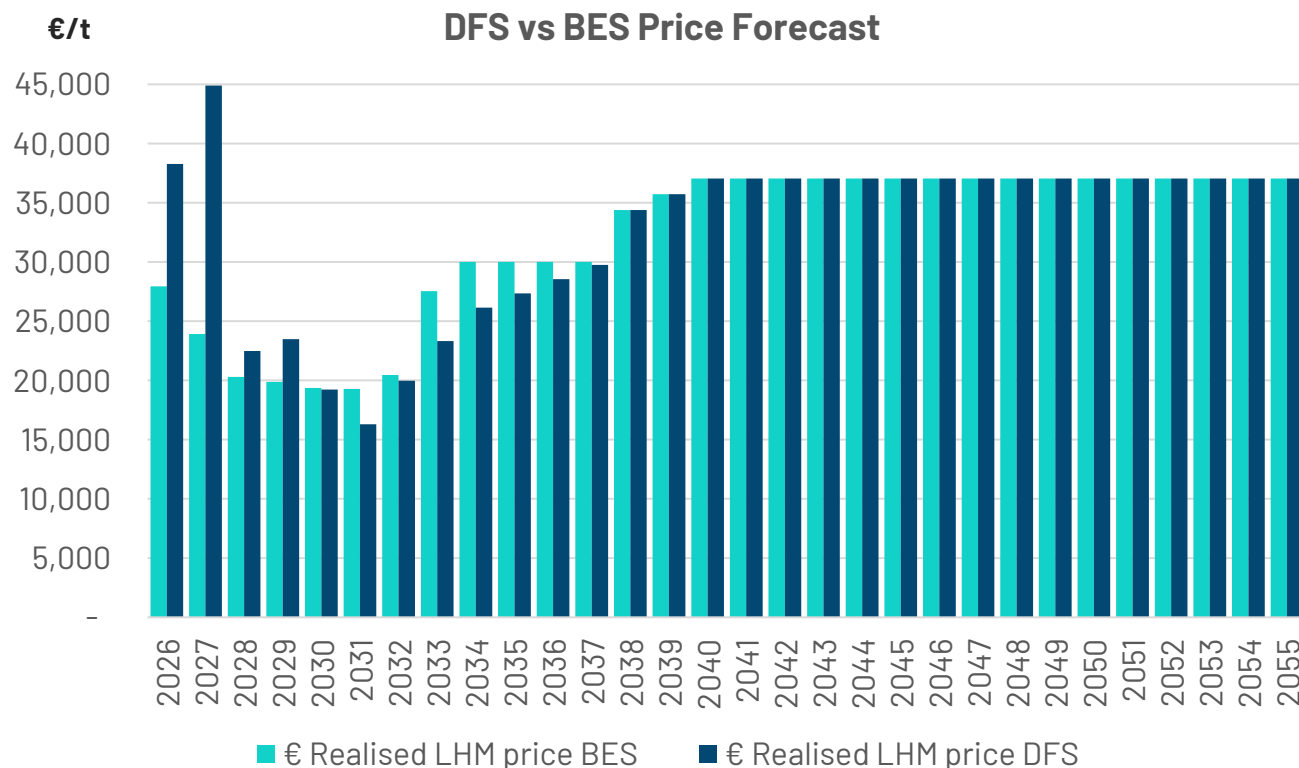
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# LOWER LHM PRICE FORECASTS: LIMITED IMPACT

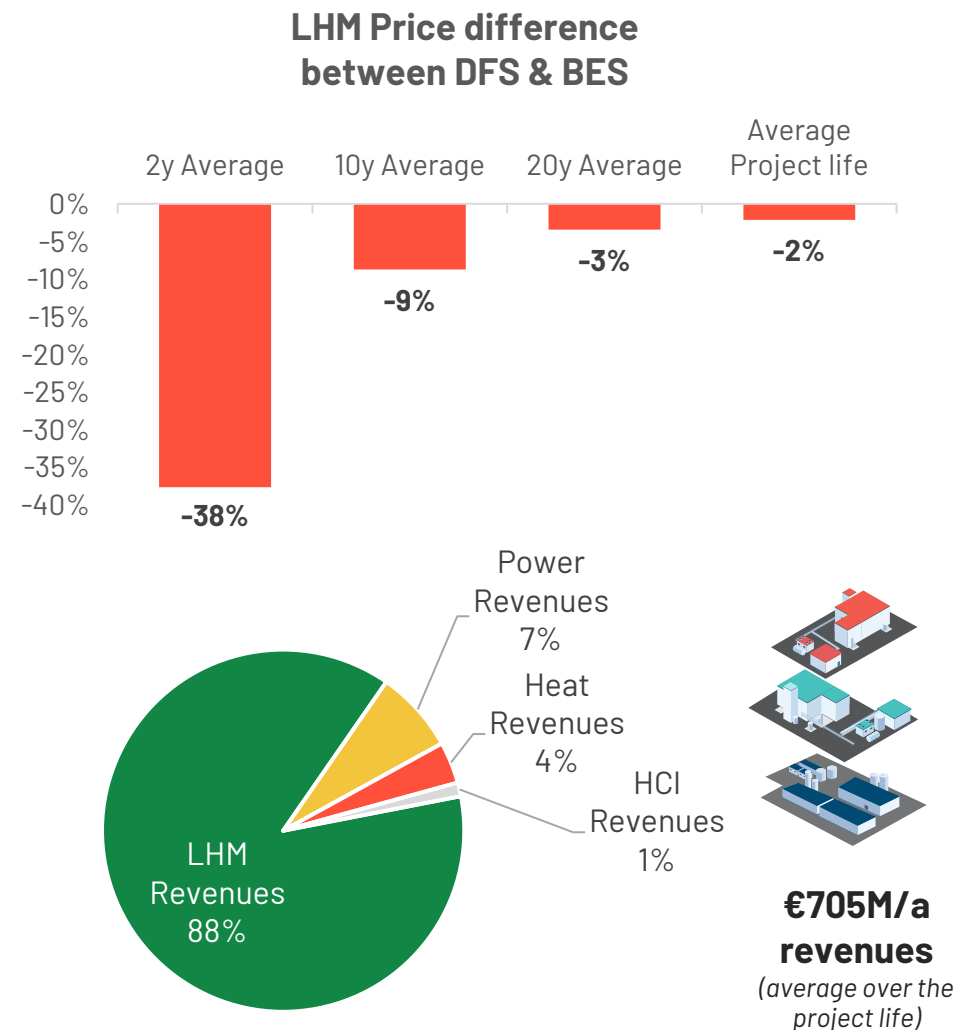
- **Larger price drops during the first two years** of Vulcan’s production, **down 38%**
- New average **10-year €23,865/t LHM** price forecast, **down 9%** compared to previous forecast
- New average **20-year €29,551/t LHM** price forecast, **down 3%** compared to previous forecast
- New long term price forecast, from 2032 at **€32,050/t LHM**, down 2%



*1The average forecast realised price per tonne of LHM is taking into consideration Fastmarkets long term price forecast (min 57.5% LiOH)(\$/kg, EU & US) and combining it with Vulcan’s pricing concluded in offtake agreements which includes price floors and ceilings, fixed prices, and price indexed on indexes like Fastmarkets.*

# TARGET PROJECT ECONOMICS<sup>1</sup>: BRIDGING ENGINEERING STUDY

	Base Case Financials Bridging Engineering
Revenues €M/a	705
EBITDA €M/a	521
EBITDA margin %	74%
<b>NPV pre-tax €M</b>	<b>3,906</b>
<b>NPV post-tax €M</b>	<b>2,566</b>
<b>IRR pre-tax %</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
<b>IRR post-tax %</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
Payback in years	4
<b>Total Capex €M</b>	<b>1,399</b>
<b>Avg Opex<sup>2</sup> €/t LHM</b>	<b>4,022</b>
<b>Avg LHM price 10y forecast<sup>3</sup> €/t</b>	<b>€23,865</b>
Avg LHM price forecast <sup>3</sup> €/t	€32,050



<sup>1</sup> Vulcan Energy's Phase One Bridging Engineering Study. These are targets and may not be achieved. Please refer to the Forward-Looking Statement disclaimer in Appendix 1.

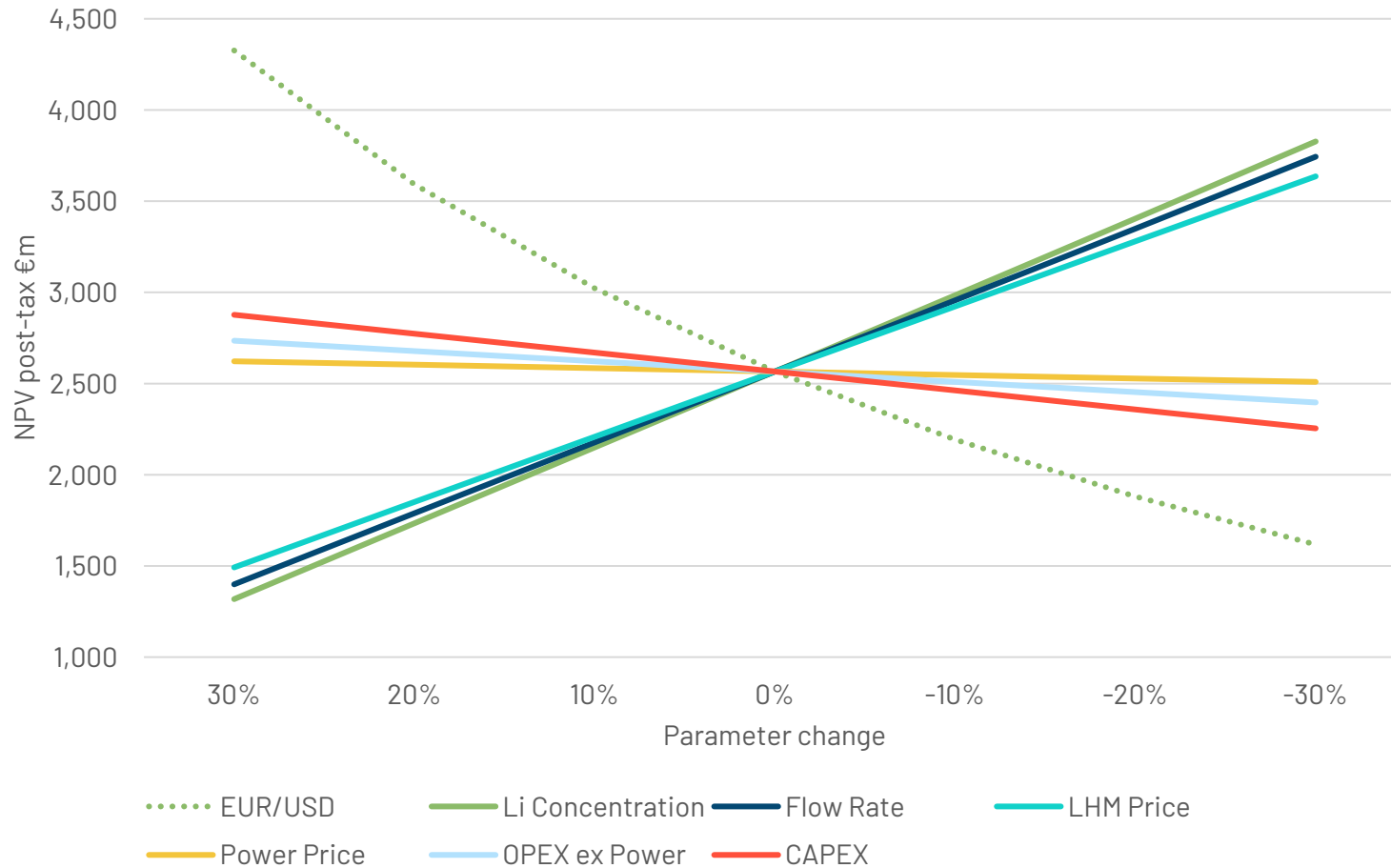
<sup>2</sup> OPEX is based on a production at designed capacity at 24,600t, excluding inflation, LHM and including an average power price over the project life.

<sup>3</sup> The average forecast realised price per tonne of LHM is taking into consideration Fastmarkets long term price forecast (min 57.5% LiOH) (\$/kg, EU & US) and combining it with Vulcan's pricing concluded in offtake agreements which includes price floors and ceilings, fix prices, and price indexed on indexes like Fastmarkets.



# FINANCIAL SENSITIVITIES

PROJECT NPV POST-TAX




- EUR/USD: all LHM offtakes are linked to a Price Reporting Agency (PRA) with a USD index or a fixed price in USD – Vulcan is currently working on amending some of its offtake pricing mechanisms.
- Flow rate, Lithium concentration and LHM price: any fluctuation of those parameters impacts lithium output and therefore revenues. Conservative flow rates assumptions used in the BES. Lower LHM price forecast used in the BES.
- CAPEX: Limited impact on NPV
- OPEX: as a low-cost operation, OPEX has a limited impact on financials
- Power price: limited impact as the price fluctuations impact both cost and revenues in a similar manner.

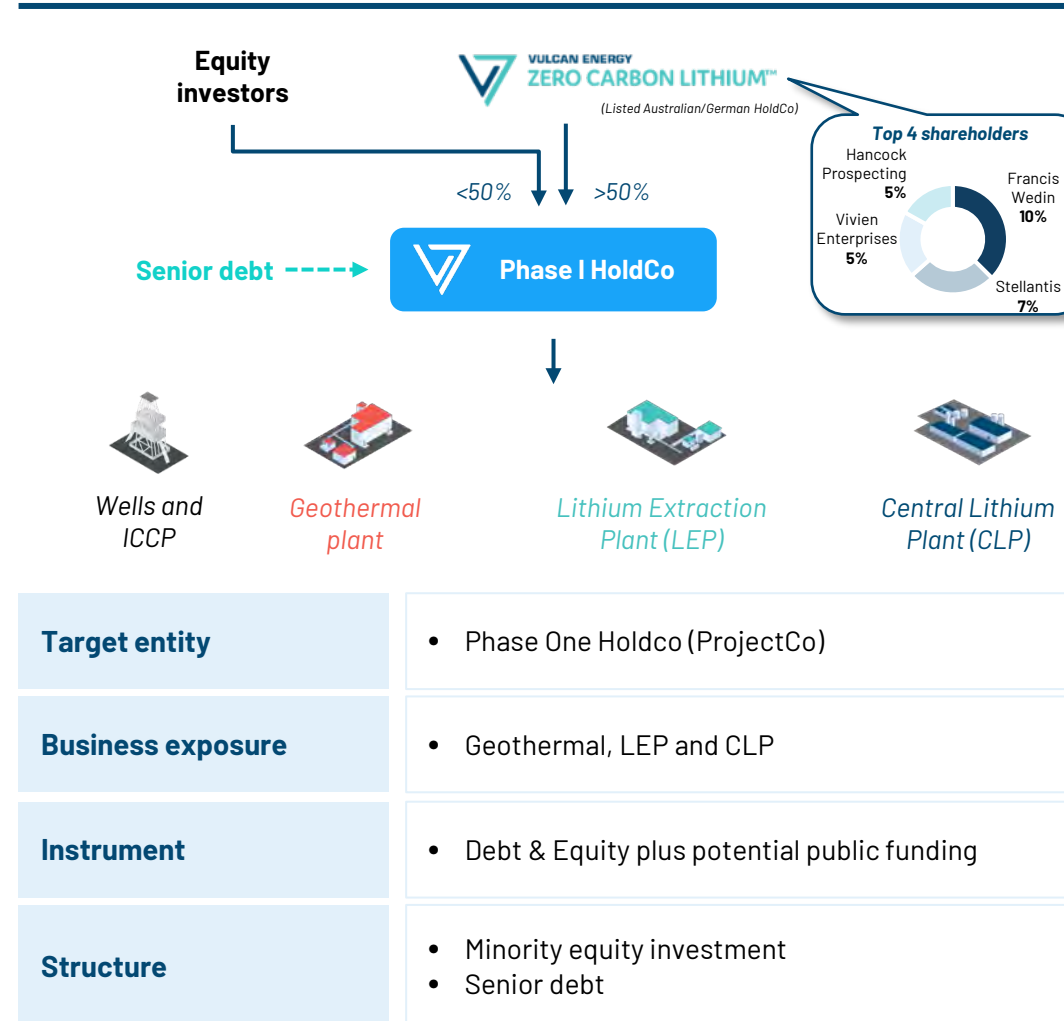
# FINANCING HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

## Preliminary Sources and Uses

<b>Total CAPEX</b> (incl. 12% contingency)	c. €1.399m
<b>Other costs</b> (Including financing costs, DSRA funding, ramp-up costs)	c. €0.4bn
<b>Total equity need</b> (assuming 65/35 gearing & including financing costs)	c. €0.63bn
<b>Total debt need</b> (assuming 65/35 gearing)	€1.17bn – Senior debt package
<b>Public Funding</b>	Not included in management case but the company is applying for public funding via different funding mechanisms

 **BNP PARIBAS** coordinating **debt process**

## Contemplated structure





# FINANCING HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

## CONTEMPLATED PROCESS FOR EQUITY FUNDING



<b>Official launch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 2023</b> ✓</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 1 – Introduction + due diligence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaser + NDA</li> <li>• Management firechats</li> <li>• Wall-cross procedure</li> <li>• Phase 1 Information package</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative offers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Q1 2024</b></li> </ul>
<b>Phase 2 – Confirmatory due diligence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visits</li> <li>• VDR access + expert sessions</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<b>Targeted Signing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Q2 2024</b></li> </ul>

## CONTEMPLATED PROCESS FOR DEBT FUNDING

<b>Official launch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 2023</b> ✓</li> </ul>
<b>1st Launch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECAs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expression of interest received from BPI ✓</li> <li>○ Expression of interest received from EDC ✓</li> <li>○ Expression of interest received from EFA ✓</li> <li>○ Expression of interest received from SACE ✓</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Structuring banks</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 1 –Due diligence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESIA – first report delivered ✓</li> <li>• Lender Technical and Environmental &amp; Social DD - <b>Ongoing</b></li> <li>• Lender Market DD</li> <li>• Lender Legal DD, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>2nd Launch –Q1 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial banks</li> </ul>
<b>Targeted Signing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Q2 2024</b></li> </ul>



# FINANCING HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

PROJECT LEVEL EQUITY		TOP CO
Vulcan targets raising its equity requirement at a project level		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VUL has already raised €320m for the project.</li> </ul>
STRATEGIC PARTNERS	FINANCIAL PARTNERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic equity partner bringing expertise, offtake capacity, credit to the project, and ability to commit large equity ticket.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial equity partner bringing long term capital with reinvestment capacity.</li> <li>Ability to commit large equity ticket for a minority stake.</li> <li>Ability to do project investment.</li> <li>Can consider a JV investment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Oil &amp; Gas</b></p> <p>Expertise in subsurface projects (incl. exploration, geothermal) and petrochemical activities</p>	Private Equity with O&G / Mining record	
<p><b>Mining</b></p> <p>Minerals / lithium producers and processors</p>	Infrastructure	
<p><b>OEMs/ Battery</b></p> <p>End-users. Offtakers with ability to commit equity</p>	Sovereign	
<p><b>Chemicals</b></p> <p>Expertise in DLE, electrolysis, petrochemical</p>	Pension Funds	
<p><b>Utilities/Construction</b></p> <p>Large utilities with EPC and project management capacities. Large construction contractors</p>	PE & Other	
		 



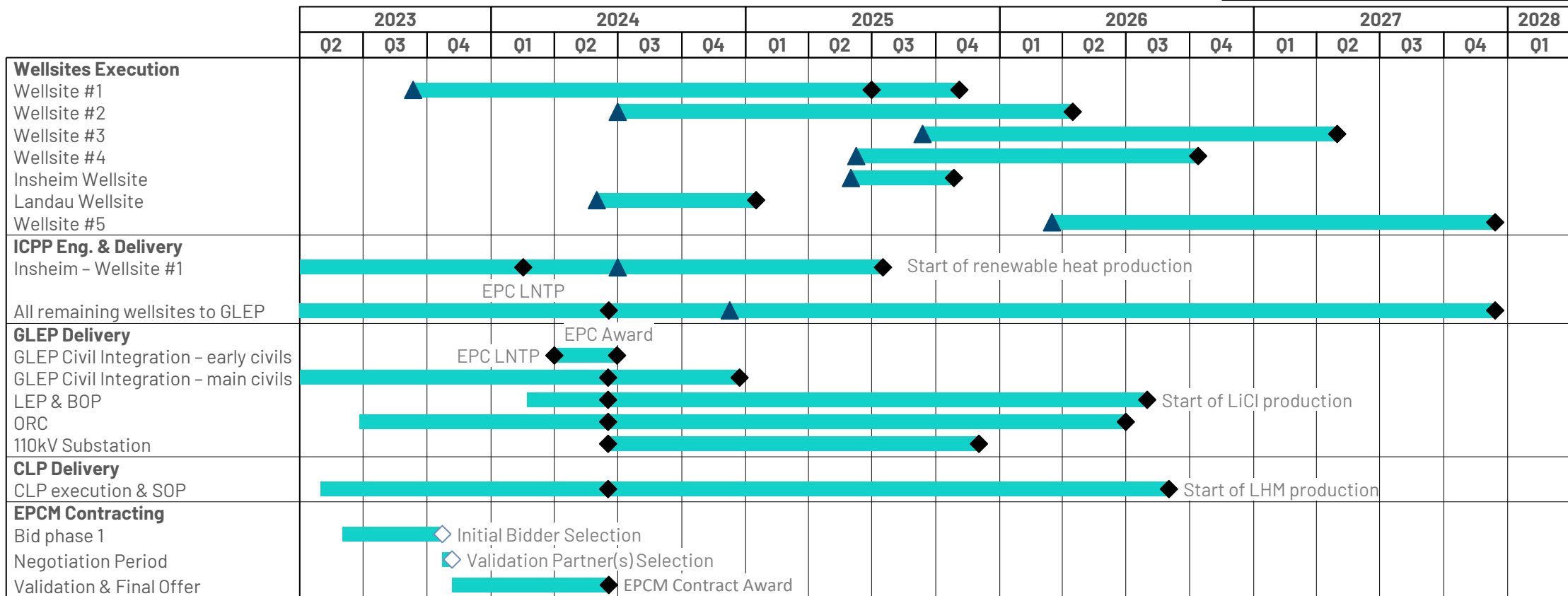


# III. TIMING AND KEY TAKEAWAYS



# PHASE ONE: INTEGRATED SCHEDULE

Award / Completion Milestone	◆
Construction Start	▲



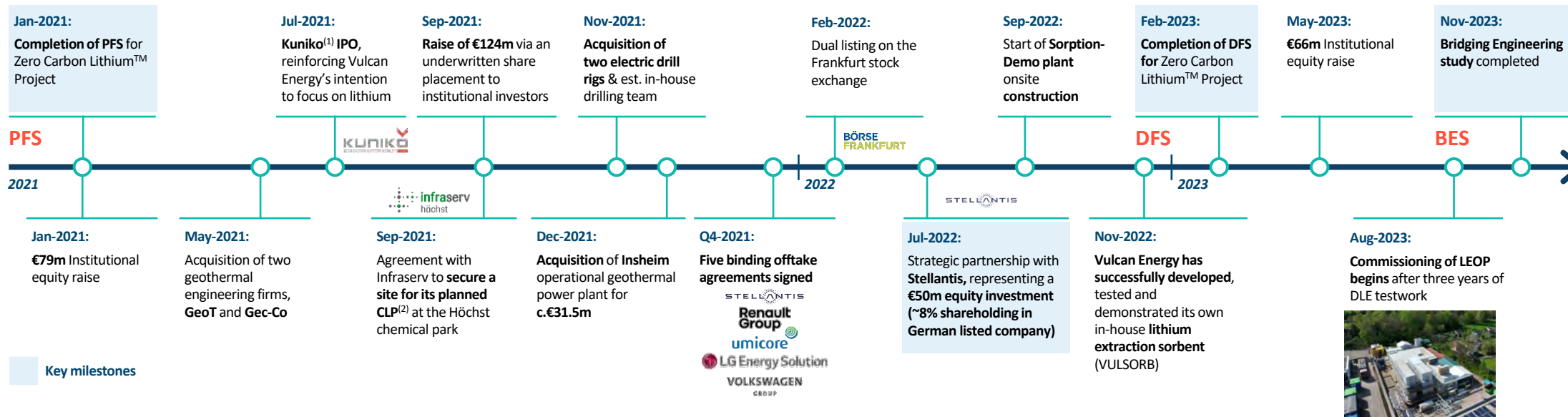
## Re-baselined, integrated, deterministic schedule summary:

- Start of **renewable heat production** in **H2 2025** to augment current renewable power production and provide additional revenue
- Start of lithium chloride production from LEP: H2 2026
- Start of **lithium hydroxide production** from CLP: **H2 2026**
- Schedule adjusted to DFS, to align with **public funding application timelines** in **H1 2024**, to be able to potentially integrate public funding into financing.
- Vulcan is preparing and doing further pre-execution works in the interim to reduce risk even further, prepare all key contracts for award and have full financing in place so to be able to deliver the project on time and budget as per the Bridging Phase outcomes

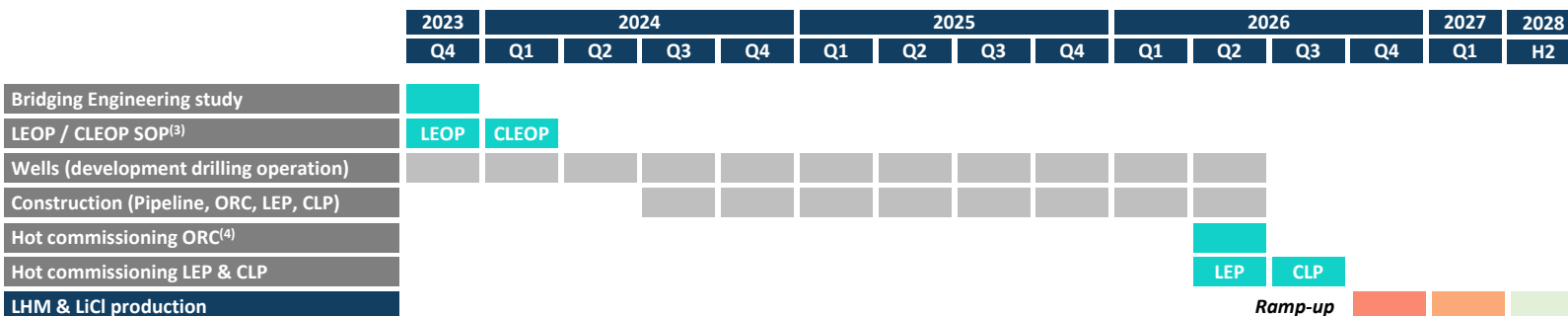


# CLEAR ROADMAP TO COMMERCIALISATION WITH START OF PRODUCTION EXPECTED IN H2 2026 – ALIGNED WITH PUBLIC FUNDING APPLICATIONS

## Key milestones



## Project roadmap



### Key Dates

15-Nov-2023	Bridging Engineering study completed
Q4 2023	LEOP SOP
Q1 2024	Start of wells drilling activities
Q1 2024	CLEOP SOP
H2 2025	Renewable heat SOP
H2 2026	LEP SOP
H2 2026	CLP SOP

Note(s): (1) Former Vulcan Energy subsidiary focused on battery metals (copper, nickel and cobalt) projects; (2) Central lithium plant; (3) Start of production; (4) Organic-rankine-cycle  
 Source(s): Company public information; Mergermarket; Press

# UPCOMING MILESTONES



Completion of **COMMISSIONING, START UP OF LEOP AND CLEOP**. The first tonnes of fully domestically-produced lithium chemicals in Europe.



**FINANCING PROCESS**, including:

- strategic equity process,
- debt financing,
- government grant applications, and
- ECA funding assistance.



Sign EPC / EPCM contracts, secure next phase of permits, commence early works and civils towards **COMMERCIAL BUILD AND OPERATION**.





# Thank you

**Questions?**

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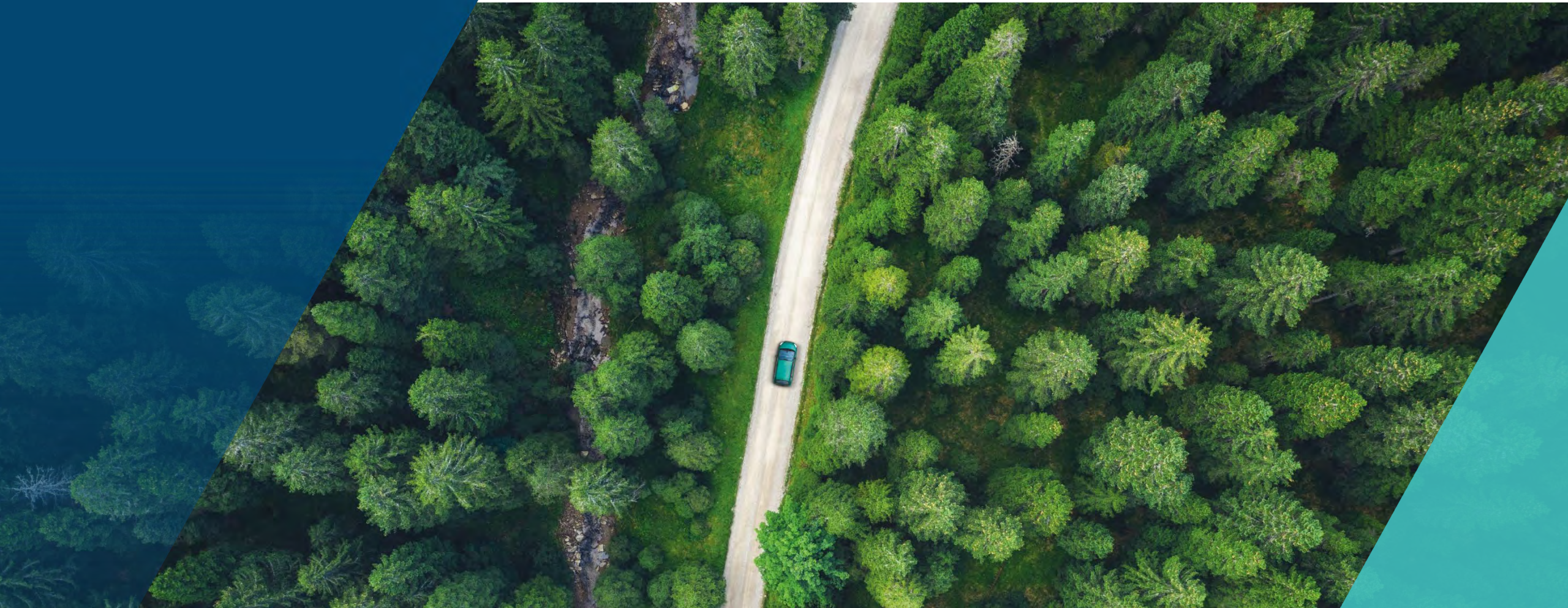
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# APPENDIX 3: ASSUMPTIONS AND PARAMETERS

Key inputs and outputs of model

General	
General and economics	
FX EUR/USD	1.05
NPV discount rate	8% <sup>1</sup>
Tax rate	30%
State royalty	0% <sup>2</sup>
Brine royalty	Applied on 2 locations
Life of Mine	30 years
Life of Mine production target	0.595Mt LHM
LHM grade	57%
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions/t of LHM <sup>3</sup>	0t CO <sub>2</sub> /of LHM

Production ramp-up LEP and CLP (%)

	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	Q4 2027	Q1 2028	Q2 2028	Q3 2028
Ram p-up	40%	50%	60%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%

<sup>1</sup>WACC rate is 8% which is based on peer industry average. <sup>2</sup>Geothermal exempt from royalty. Lithium expected to also be exempt due under § 32 BBergG, since it is classified as a strategic raw material by the EU – to be confirmed with state authorities during ongoing permitting process. Up to 10% royalty would apply if it was not exempt.

<sup>3</sup>Vulcan CO<sub>2</sub> value provided by Minviro. The CO<sub>2</sub> assessment is a cradle-to-gate study. It starts with the cradle: extraction of geothermal brine. Thermal energy of the brine is extracted and used for electricity and steam generation. Generated electricity is assumed to be exported to the German electrical grid. Part of the heat is exported for district heating, substituting natural gas use, and the rest of the heat is used for internal processes. It is assumed that of the electricity used throughout all processes 50% is sourced from the German grid and 50% is procured from additional wind generated electricity, on top of wind based electricity that is already present in the German grid mix. Electricity, steam, hydrochloric acid (30% concentration) and sodium hypochlorite (15.8% concentration) are co-products of the lithium hydroxide monohydrate product. All co-products are accounted for using system expansion, meaning no allocation is required. The climate change impact for the lithium hydroxide monohydrate product for the assumptions described above is -1.6 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per kg LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O.

Geothermal assets	
Input	
Brine Flow rate	950 l/s total for Phase 1
Lithium Concentration in Brine*	181 mg/l
Output	
Power produced and sold	Up to 270,000MWh/a
Heat produced and sold	Up to 560,000MWth/a
Steam produced for own consumption	9MW
Li-rich brine flow to LEP	950 l/s total for Phase 1
LEP assets	
Input	
Brine Flow from geothermal asset	950 l/s total for Phase 1
Steam consumed	9MW
Output	
LiCl Production in LHM equivalent*	24,600 t/a
CLP asset	
Input	
LiCl in LHM equivalent*	24,600 t/a
Output	
LHM Production (Battery-grade)	24,600 t/a
HCl Production (30%wt)	66,420 t/a (net of CLP consumption)
*Capacity	